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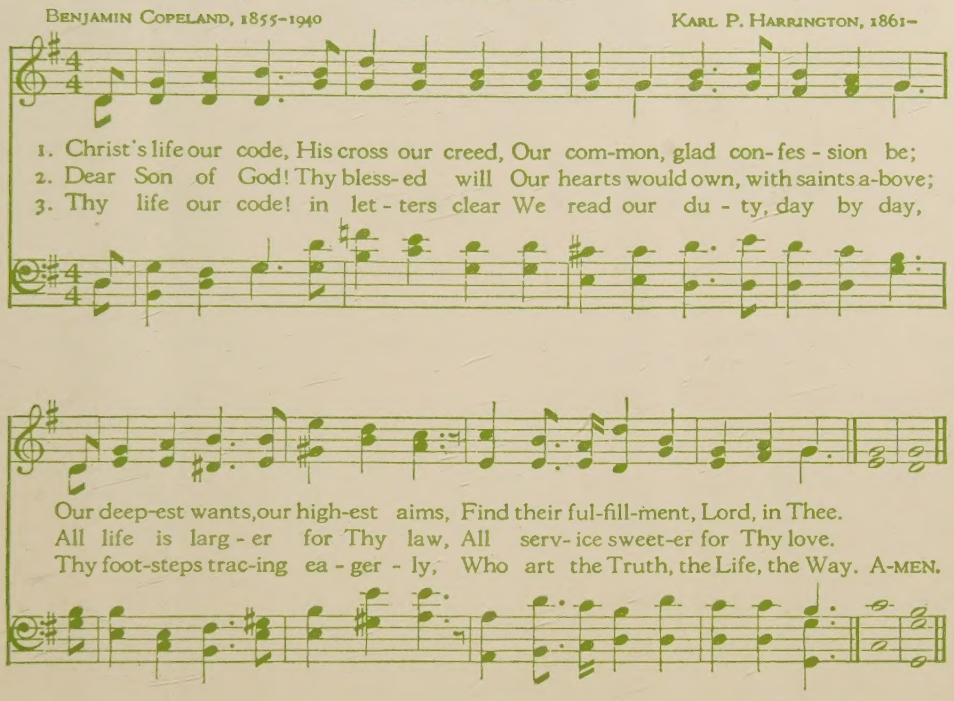
1. Christ's life our code, His cross our creed, Our com-mon, glad con-fes - sion be;
2. Dear Son of God! Thy bless-ed will Our hearts would own, with saints a-bove;
3. Thy life our code! in let - ters clear We read our du - ty, day by day,
Our deep-est wants, our high-est aims, Find their ful-fill-ment, Lord, in Thee.
All life is larg - er for Thy law, All serv- ice sweet-er for Thy love.
Thy foot-steps trac-ing ea - ger - ly, Who art the Truth, the Life, the Way. A-MEN.

4 Thy cross our creed! Thy boundless love
A ransomed world at last shall laud,
And crown Thee their eternal King,
O Lord of Glory! Lamb of God!

5 Till then, to Thee our souls aspire
In ardent prayer and earnest deed,
With love like Thine, confessing, still,
Christ's life our code! His cross our creed!

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Assembly Acrostic

Mass Meeting for youth will be held on Wednesday night.
usic by choirs from Bennett College, National College, and Scarritt College.
ovies. First showing of film on the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Inspirational speakers will include Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Shot K. Mondol, Dr. Ralph Sockman, Dr. Charles Ranson, Dr. Helen Kim, Dr. Georgia Harkness.
ntroduction of missionaries and deaconesses.

Leaders from the Division, jurisdictions, and conferences will conduct Conversation Groups.

Worship services will be conducted by Bishop Newell Booth.
orkers will be commissioned by Bishop Arthur J. Moore.
ork Book prepared for conversation groups will be valuable in follow-up of Assembly.

Auditorium can accommodate huge crowd.
ttendance should be record breaking. There were 3,142 registrations in Cleveland in 1950.
ttendance slogan—More at Milwaukee in 1954.
fterglow in action growing out of closing session.

Unity and fellowship will be keynote of the two big dinners.

Knowledge of work is the basis of inspiration and interest. This may be gained through visitation of projects en route to Milwaukee as well as attendance at the sessions.

Every Society has a chance to participate in the offering, which will be applied to the retirement fund for missionaries and deaconesses.

Enthusiasm is contagious. Spread the contagion. Make it known that visitors are welcome.

Say it With an Offering

AGAIN and again women say that the introduction of missionaries and deaconesses is one of the high points of an Assembly. It is thrilling to see these workers and to hear the number of years they have served in places near and far.

Whether we know them personally or not, we play an important part in their lives. They not only represent us on the mission fields, they are dependent upon us. We are responsible for their support—their salaries, their institutions, and equipment. That responsibility continues through the days of retirement.

These missionaries and deaconesses are trained personnel. In the business world and commercial fields, they would receive salaries that would permit them to retire with comfortable pensions and savings accounts. They would have security with a wide margin. Instead, many of our retired workers must manage very carefully in order to stretch the dollars to cover necessities.

We appreciate our workers and we are going to tell them so at the Assembly in a tangible way. We are going to say it with an offering that will be applied to the retirement fund. Every one has a chance to have her say. See page 12 of the March issue.

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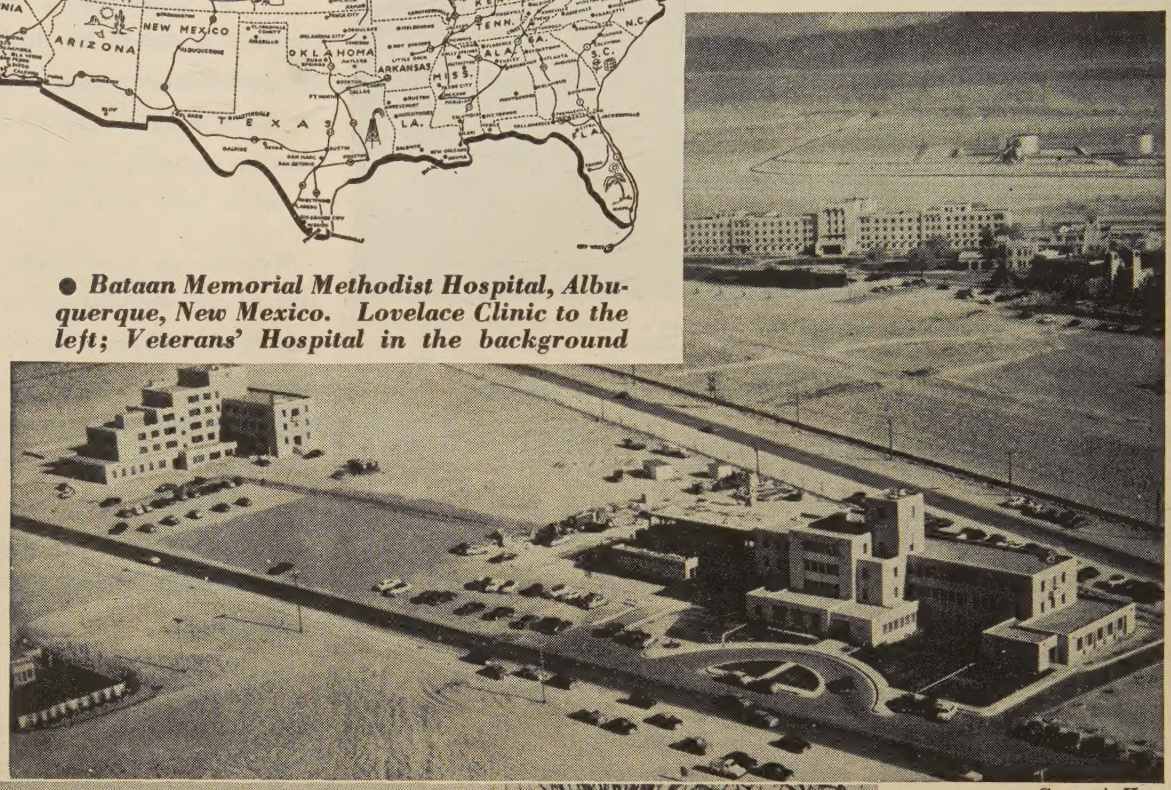
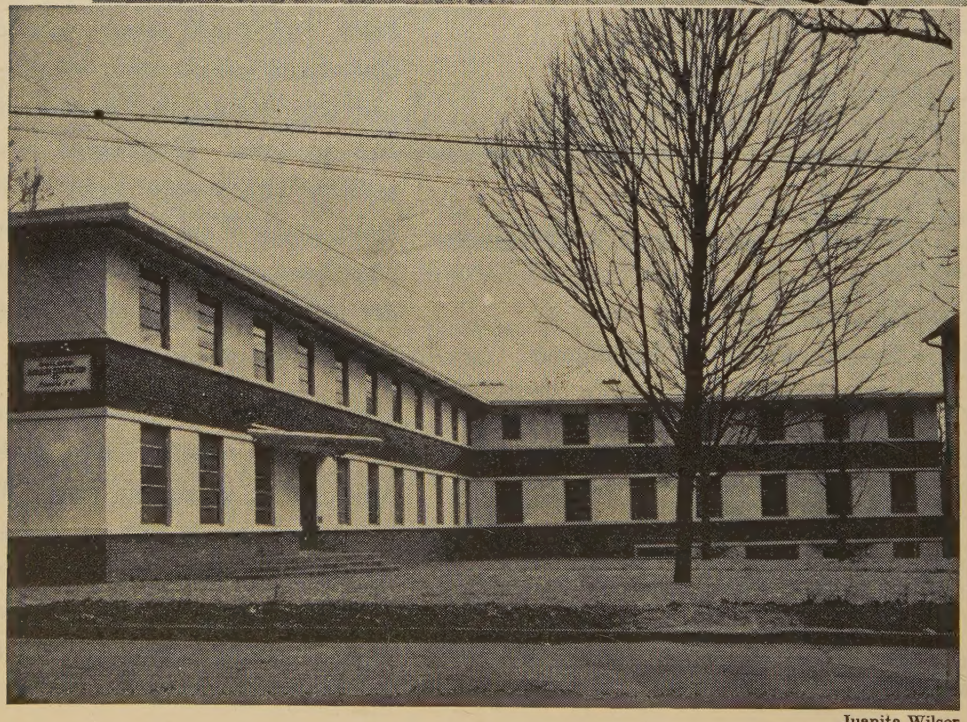


● *Bataan Memorial Methodist Hospital, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Lovelace Clinic to the left; Veterans' Hospital in the background*

George A. Kew



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Workers

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● (Left to right) *Miss Margaret Stinson, Casco Bay Island Parish, Maine; Miss Mabel Harrell, Wesley Community House, Houston, Texas; Miss Nina La Rosa, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, East St. Louis, Illinois.*

● (Front row, left to right) *Miss Lena McRoberts, Shipyard Homes Center, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Beatrice Orrell, Marcy Center, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Naomi McIntosh, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home Settlement, Wilmington, Del.* (Back row) *Miss Mary Carol Owen, Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement, El Paso, Texas; Mr. Kenneth Black, Neighborhood Center, Utica, N. Y.; Miss Jane Maxwell, Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement, El Paso, Texas.*

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● *Spring Festival Folk Dance, Campbell Friendship House, Gary, Indiana*

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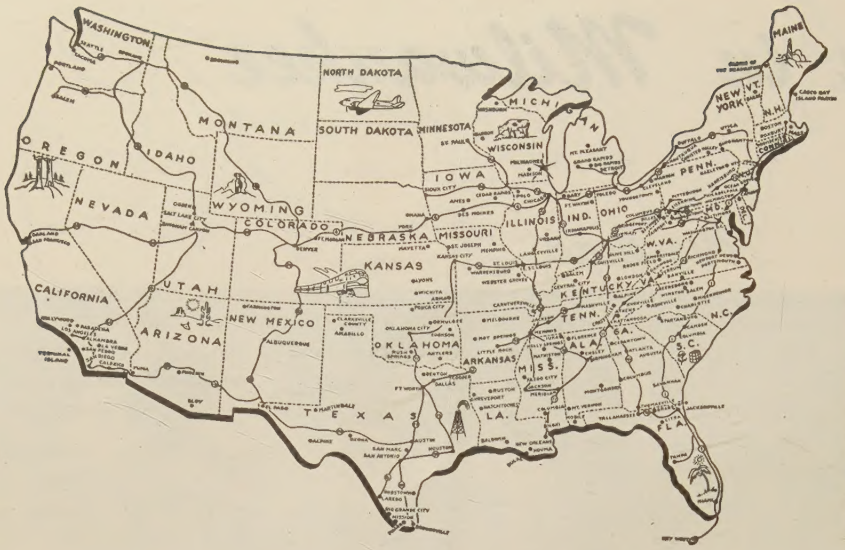

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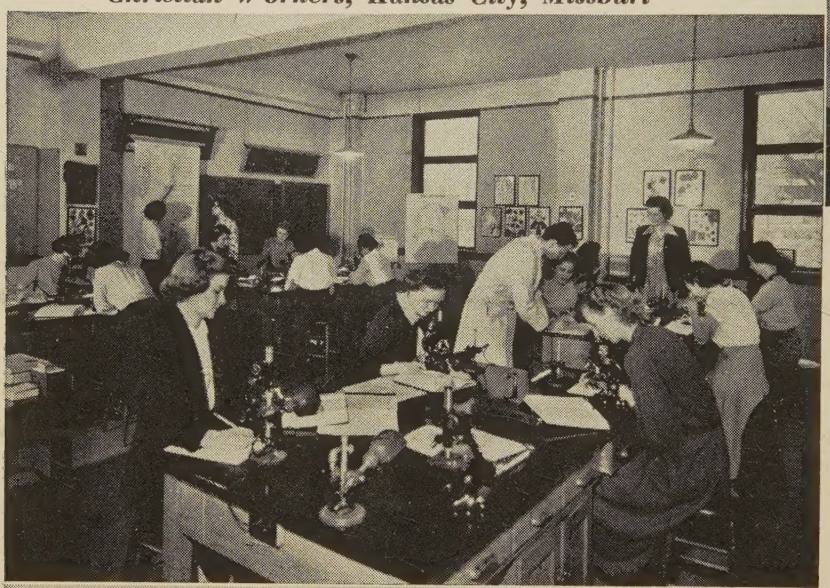
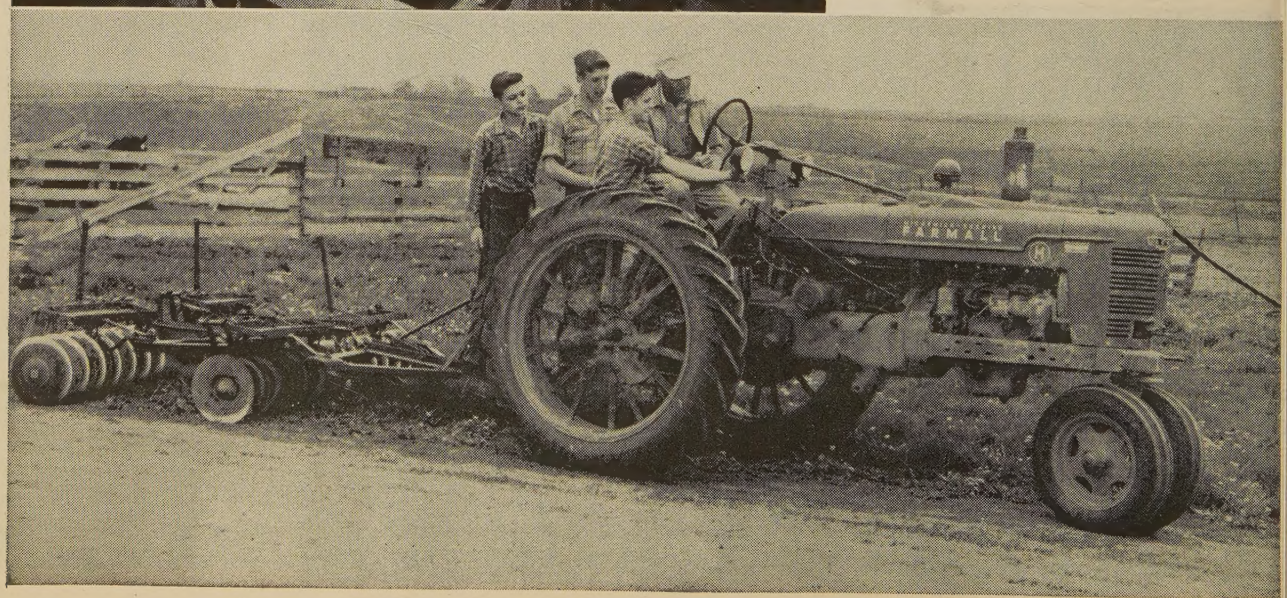


● *Clyde and Sam at work in the wood shop, Highland Boy Community House, Bingham Canyon, Utah*

● *Boys farming at Peek Home, Polo, Illinois.*



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and Hear Stories

TYPICAL QUOTES

About Residence Halls

"An understanding housemother, the smell of good food, the group singing around the piano, the Christian atmosphere—all these little things spell companionship and contentment—they mean Esther Hall."

"I like the homey feeling that this home away from home provides. Last winter I spent many happy, contented hours learning to knit, and I look forward to working in the garden in the summer."

"I think our new home is wonderful. It's great to be living in such a nice neighborhood."

"I like the friendship the girls show toward one another. It's good to be able to make friends in one's home as well as where one works."

"The friendly atmosphere, the delicious home-cooked meals, the peaceful little chapel—the beautiful house—make Esther Hall a place I am proud to call home."

CLUBS

AT SUE BENNETT

Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky, seeks to develop not only the mental life of the students, but also their social life. For this purpose, various clubs have been organized.

The S.C.A. (Student Christian Association) increases the spiritual life, not only of its members but also of the entire school. This club presents programs in chapel and in the Methodist church, and is responsible for conducting devotions each night in the dining hall. The S.C.A. also gives baskets to the poor at Christmas, and partakes in many other worthy community projects. Its members derive their chief pleasure from helping others.

The Dramatic Club produces plays, skits, and pantomimes for the student body, and presents a short skit each month at its monthly meeting.

The I.R.C. (International Relations Club) participates in nation-wide affairs, sends delegates to the state-wide I.R.C. Conference and to I.R.C. debates at various colleges. Each meeting consists of a discussion of some current event.

The Spanish Club is made up of those students who are taking Spanish, plus any others who are interested. It presents Spanish programs throughout the year.

SARAH CHAKKO, WORLD CHURCHWOMAN, DIES

Methodist Prints

Miss Sarah Chakko

Miss Sarah Chakko, principal of Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, a vice-president of the World's Young Women's Christian Association, and president of the Student Christian Movement of India, Burma, and Ceylon, died on Monday, January 25, on the college campus from a heart attack.

Miss Chakko was probably India's best-known Christian woman and educator, and was a leader of Christian movements on three continents. She was born in North Parur, South India, in 1905. She came from the Syrian Christian Church in South India—the church which, according to tradition, was founded by St. Thomas in the First Century. Her father was a prominent police official and organizer of the church in Trichur, Cochin, South India. She was educated at Queen Mary's College, Madras, taking her A.B. and her M.A. in history degrees there. Later she studied at the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan, receiving from the latter the degree of Master in Education.

In 1948 at the Constituting Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland, Miss Chakko was largely instrumental in persuading the inaugural assembly of the World Council of Churches to set up the "Commission on Life and Work of Women in the Church." She visited the United States late in 1950, and was the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division in Buck Hill Falls.

The service of worship for the 1954 World Day of Prayer was written by Miss Chakko.

The funeral service for Miss Chakko, held in the college chapel, was attended by more than 2,000 people.

Discovering the World in 1953

By MARY LOU BARNWELL

IT WAS a sobering experience to "discover the world" in 1953—Japan in its struggle between the old and the new as transition takes place in government, industry, education, religion, dress, family life; the Philippines, independent only since 1946, long dominated by Spain, then under the United States, devastated by war, a country where 90 per cent of the land is owned by 10 per cent of the people and where the tentacles of communism are increasingly enveloping the harassed people; India, where one-sixth of the people of the world live, caught between the struggle to develop a sense of nationalism and the necessity of depending upon other nations for her subsistence, facing serious problems of producing enough food to feed her people, of making freedom real in her villages for 85 per cent of the people live in half a million agricultural villages, and of creating leadership for her people.

In these countries there were varying degrees of dependence upon, trust in, and suspicion of America. There seemed to be a growing spirit of anti-Americanism in Japan based largely upon fear of a close alliance with the United States lest she be drawn into war, and Japan wants no more war. Added to this is a reaction against some of the policies and practices of the occupation forces. While relationships have been all that could be desired in many instances, there are too many ways in which there have been abuses, resulting in resentments and antagonisms. One's sympathies are aroused when children in crowded cities cluster outside the closed gates of city parks, looking at signs which read, "Restricted for use of United States Personnel." At the same time many United States families are adopting Japanese orphans, providing for the needy, and are sincerely interested in the development of a strong democratic nation.

As a result of its long dependence upon America, it is difficult for the Philippines to acquire a realistic attitude toward the United States. Especially is this true in the vast rural areas where there is little realization that in America there is unemployment, there are millions living in homes which have been condemned as unfit for human habitation, there is poverty in spite of all the resources of the nation. Having been the victim of war, not of her own making, it has been necessary for the Philippines to continue to rely upon the United States very heavily although there is a strong desire to become more independent.

India is appreciative of material and technical assistance given by the United States, but is increasingly suspicious of the motives of America. Here, again, fear is the basis of her attitude.

It was not unusual in Pakistan to find papers carrying out a program of propaganda against America. Headlines read, "America is the greatest enemy of Asia and Islam"; "America wants war."

Whatever the national attitude might be, everywhere the young people longed to get to America, even for a short time. In some countries there was a feeling that life was altogether futile unless they could get to America. Most of them will never get here, but one wonders how they will be received, what they will do, what will be their experiences and reactions if they do come.

In all of these countries there are two significant trends: (1) the development of indigenous leadership and (2) emphasis upon rural or village life.

Most of the mission schools in Japan now have Japanese principals and presidents. In the Philippines, Miss Prudencia Fabro became the first Filipino president of Harris Memorial Training School in Manila when she was elected to that position two years ago. They have their own bishop, and all the district superintendents are Filipino. They are now ready to send out their first foreign missionary.

When asked if she knew a certain missionary in Japan, a Japanese woman replied, "Oh, yes, she is the one who leads from behind." Leading from behind is the role of the missionary today, as the people of the nations are trained and given opportunity to assume the major places of leadership.

The rural or village ministry has many facets. There is Miss Jane Williams, a three-year missionary in the Philippines, helping develop modern techniques in agriculture, livestock, and poultry raising. In cooperation with all agencies concerned with such matters, Miss Williams has made a distinct contribution in a short time. To the question, "How do people react to a woman serving as an agricultural specialist?" she replied, "They don't think of me as a woman. They think of me as a missionary."

The mobile clinic in the Philippines, under the direction of Miss Dorothy Edwards, is taking health services to *barrios* where many people have never seen a doctor or a nurse. A staff of six and two station wagons take the clinic and audio-visual supplies from one community to another, staying for one week at each place. Throughout the day the staff concerns itself with the physical needs of the people. Each evening they hold evangelistic services. Advance preparation for their entrance into a *barrio* is made through the local minister or district superintendent, and plans are made for follow-up work also.

At an outcast village near Jabalur in India, the missionaries and udents from Leonard Theological chool take the church to the peole. In this little village of sweepers there are sixty families, twenty f which are Christian. It is in uch places as this that starvation f body, mind, and spirit turn eople to any sort of ism or religion hich will offer a ray of hope and elief. Emaciated from hunger nd disease, these people respond o the concern of those who are alled Christian.

During this period of newly-cquired independence, there is erious conflict between the desire o be modern and the pressure to old to tradition. Conflicting ideologies create problems as young eople exercise greater freedom in neir relationships. The use of emocratic processes without the roper sense of responsibility reulted in loss of life, destruction of roperty, and many arrests in the ecent student strike at Lucknow niversity. New freedoms, unless roperly directed, may be as serius as lack of freedom.

In these areas the attainments of he Methodist Church have been emarkable. But it works against reat odds. There are indications nat some countries are trying to bliterate the Christian Church. It increasingly difficult to obtain ermits for new missionaries to nter Burma. All of her schools ave been placed on a free basis, naking it difficult to get students o attend mission schools where ees must be charged. There is also move to force all private schools o have Buddhism taught by priests.

India contends that any available jobs in that country should be lled by Indians, since one of her reat problems is unemployment. he authorities must be convinced nat no national is available to do ne job before a visa is granted or a new missionary to enter. Nehru's statements about Chrisan missions have disturbed many eople, but it is believed that his ndictments were not meant to inlude the programs of such boards s the Methodist, but that they are aimed at independent groups which are noncooperative and divisive in their purpose.

The proposal to make Islam the national religion of Pakistan may lead to more drastic oppression of the Christians. While many of them are sorely discouraged, others feel that this is the greatest challenge which has come to the Christian church—to stand firm, to deepen its faith, to strengthen its forces, to become more aggressive and less apologetic. Whatever happens, it is not going to be easy for the Christians in Pakistan, and they need our support.

When a young student in India says, "We want your material aid and your technical assistance but we don't think you have any right to try to change our religion," what can America say? And when a European young person says, "We think of America as big, modern, technical, but not religious," what is our answer? Do we have a faith we are compelled to share as fervently as we feel compelled to send wheat to India to feed the starving millions? Can we call ourselves religious when seventy million people in the United States, including three out of four young people of school age, are not related to any church?

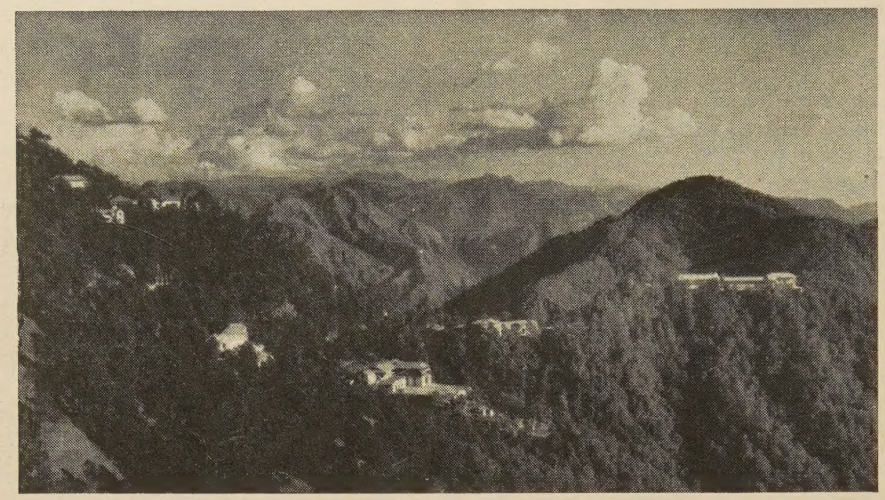
The Woman's Division has accepted a responsibility to make the Lord Jesus Christ known throughout the world. It has agreed to accept the cost of discipleship—in America, in the Philippines, in India, and in the uttermost parts of the world. To fulfill this obligation there must be larger appropriations to support the program at home and abroad. There must be more deaconesses and missionaries who are willing to go where no one else wants to go and do what no one else wants to do. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"—And how shall they be sent unless they are found?

In this perilous time around the world the Christian Church is in a great conflict, but God has not promised us freedom from struggle. Instead, He has given us freedom for struggle and promises power to struggle in His name and for His cause. Christians in many lands are drawing heavily upon those promises today in order to save the church.

Recent graduates of Harris Memorial Training School, Manila, Philippine Islands, with the president, Miss Prudencia Fabro, and Miss Elizabeth Johannaber

Woodstock School Celebrates Centennial

By MARGARET HOUSER BECKER



A bird's-eye view of Woodstock School and the beautiful landscape around it

ON THE southern range of the Himalaya Mountains in northern India almost 7,000 feet above sea level stands one of the most unique and remarkable educational institutions in the world, Woodstock School. Here, since March, 1854, thousands of children from all over the world have had a chance to receive an American education in a land where educational institutions are at a premium.

Few schools can equal in beauty and splendor the setting of Woodstock. The six buildings, three playgrounds, and athletic field nestle on tree-covered hillsides with as much as a 600-foot drop from the highest to lowest building. Woodstock children become adept at hiking up and down paths that lead from one part of the campus to another. Beautiful valleys and high hills around the school, and vast plains with the mighty Ganges and Jumna Rivers winding their way, make the view from Woodstock one of unsurpassed beauty. In this setting, where nature reveals her opulence in all its charm, is an American school where almost 500 boys and girls of three races, twenty nationalities, and thirteen religions live and learn together as one big family.

Woodstock is not just a school where the students learn from books the necessary subjects that will admit them to universities in the United States, but it is also an international home where sons and daughters of missionaries, business and professional people, American foreign service personnel, rajahs and maharajahs from countries all the way from Ethiopia to North Borneo, from the United States to Malaya, from Germany to Japan, and from fourteen other countries develop a global outlook on life and a tolerance and understanding of each other's views. United Nations Day is every day at Woodstock. A little ten-year-old boy from Thailand said, "Now I know so many boys and girls from different countries, but we aren't different at all." An eleven-year-old boy from Syria said, "This is an old school and a good school, but best of all it is a friendly school. I never feel lonesome, for everyone is my friend."

There are ten religions represented in the student body, but a Christian atmosphere prevails. Elaine Miller, the daughter of Mennonite missionaries said, "I love Woodstock because of its Christian atmosphere." The young daughter of Hindu parents has had six years at Woodstock. She said, "I feel that God has spoken to me. I believe in Jesus. My father is a Brahmin and is opposed to my being a Christian, but I tell my family about Jesus. I can always turn to God for help when they don't understand what it means to be a Christian." Said Alice, the daughter of Embassy people, "I'm leaving Woodstock soon because we are going to the Philippine Islands, but I will never forget the friends I have made here. We have different religious faiths and come from different countries, yet we can live together happily."

This is Centennial year at Woodstock, for it was one hundred years ago that this school had its beginning. Two years prior to that a committee composed of two British army officers, two European businessmen, and two American missionaries had met together to discuss the possibility of opening a school for Protestant girls. They asked the English Missionary Society for Promoting Female Education in the East to take over the school, and in March of 1854 three ladies from the society came to Mussoorie and formally opened the Girls' School to which a few boys were admitted. In 1856 the school moved to its present site, four miles from the hill station of Mussoorie. It was in 1862 that the name was changed from Protestant Girls' School to Woodstock School.

One hundred years have witnessed remarkable progress in Woodstock. After the first twenty years the English Society decided to sell the property. Dr. Woodside, one of the missionaries on the original committee, thought it

would be an excellent place for a school for missionary children. He interested the Philadelphia Presbyterian women in buying the property for this purpose, and in 1877 the Woman's Presbyterian Board in the United States took charge of the school.

During one period in the history of the school, from 1901 to 1933, it became a recognized college as well as an elementary and secondary school, because more and more students wanted to remain after high-school graduation for teachers' training. In 1923, Woodstock became a union school and officially coeducational. The Methodist Board came into the union in 1927. Dr. R. L. Fleming was the first permanent member whom the Board of Missions sent to serve at Woodstock. Now there are more Methodist children and Methodist members of the staff than of any other group. Besides Dr. Fleming there are two doctors, all sent out by the Methodist Board of Missions. Many members of the staff are former pupils who have returned to their alma mater after postgraduate study in their specialized fields. While most of the staff are Americans sent out by one of the nine cooperating missions, others are Indian, Anglo-Indian, and British who, along with others, are devoting all their time to Woodstock children. Some have served the school for long periods—Miss V. Marley since 1918, Miss Mary McGee since 1921, and Miss Vera Frances since 1929.

The school is now under the capable leadership of Canon S. R. Burgoyne, a veteran missionary to India. Under him the school is improving, educationally and academically equaling the leading schools in the United States. Woodstock is a growing institution and centennial plans call for a special project of remodeling and adding to (it is hoped) the present dormitory buildings, already overtaxed by the increasing number of students.

Educational methods at Woodstock are up-to-date. Audio-visual aids are in constant use in the classrooms. On Friday afternoons there is additional excitement around the school campus, for everyone knows that a feature-length special movie is to be shown, and Parker Hall, the school auditorium, resounds with the happy laughter of students from kindergarten age through high school waiting for the movie to begin.

On long week ends when an extra day is added, groups of children meet in the Quadrangle. The Boy Scouts have packs on their backs and are getting ready to leave on an expedition into the snow country. Another group belongs to the Woodstock Natural History Society. They are going on a field trip to collect birds, insects, unusual butterflies, to find rare species of orchids and ferns, and to study archeology and geology. The sociology class is getting ready to go into some of the villages of the hill tribes to become acquainted with the people, their problems, and their way of life. The members of the Photography Club are off with camera equipment to take pictures that are likely to appear later in their school yearbook, *The Whispering Pine*, or in the school paper, *The Tiger*. The Blue Birds are meeting in the Quadrangle, too. They have bed rolls and food, for they plan to have a cook-out and sleep under the stars for a night.

Dramatics and music play an important part in the school life. During and after school hours the practice pianos are always in use.

The French class meets by the sundial during cold weather

TRIBUTE TO MISS CHAKKO

She was too big for any one denomination, for any one task, and for any one nation. She carried a world-wide responsibility, and people here and everywhere depended on her sound judgment. Sarah Chakko was one of the truly great women of this age.

—Lucile Colony
Executive Secretary for India and Pakistan

The Glee Club and Orchestra put on outstanding concerts, and the piano pupils have several recitals a year. The dramatic groups produce plays during the year. During rehearsals, interest runs high at the school, for so many share in the production. The art classes paint scenery, the sewing classes make costumes, the manual-training classes help make the stage settings, and the typing classes work on the script. Every play is a family affair.

Swimming, tennis, basketball, softball, and touch football are all a part of the sports activities of the school. On Sports Day every class has its banner, its rooters, and its athletes and keen competition between classes takes place on the athletic field. Classes choose special attire for the day. There are parades, marching, and class yells added to the competitive sports. Olympics Day is another important event when other schools in the Mussoorie area compete with each other. Cheer leaders, dressed in school colors, lead the yells, and the hillsides resound with "Woodstock, rah-rah-rah."

From coming-up day in March when groups of students join a school party in one of India's leading cities to going-down day the last of November, the Woodstock calendar is a full one. While class banquets and parties, school events, and studies take up much of the time, the high points are the Thursday morning chapel service each week and the Sunday religious activities. Spiritual personalities are in the making. Woodstock School is helping to bring about "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth."

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At the Annual Meeting Bishop Arthur J. Moore presented the *World Outlook* award as Methodists of the year to (*left to right*): Rev. Lawrence A. Zellars, Miss Helen Rosser, R.N., Miss Nellie Dyer, Miss Bertha A. Smith, and Rev. Anders Kristian Jensen

Two Vital Needs-

Faith and Discipline

By NELLIE DYER

WE ARE home after our long imprisonment by the Communists in North Korea. We are deeply grateful to God for our lives and for our release and return to our homeland. And yet, I wonder if we shall ever be entirely out of North Korea. Our experiences were not the kind that can be shed from our memories as a worn garment is dropped from our shoulders. We can never forget those of our number whose mortal remains will stay forever in the soil of that tragic little land. We lived intimately with death and suffering so long that, in a sense, a part of ourselves cannot come back —for a long time.

As we think of our internment, questions come to us which cannot be answered easily. The problem of suffering is an old, world-wide problem. What factors determined who should survive and who should not? Why did some of the oldest and weakest survive and some of the youngest and strongest fail? In a long, sustained struggle for life such as we experienced, what was needed? Then more than all this, what can we learn from the sufferings and deaths of our companions which can help others? Cannot something be gained by a study of this experience which will make us feel that all of that tragedy was not in vain?

Among those of our companions who will never return were gallant and heroic men and women. Some of the most courageous had weak bodies. Some of the strongest and best gave of their strength to the weak, and in the end went down themselves because they had been overtaxed. Some came through not because of religious faith but because of a tremendous love of life, or because they had superb bodies which could endure extreme hardship and deprivation. We cannot draw a line between those who survived and those who did not, and classify one group as the strong in body and spirit and the other as lacking in strength of either or both. There were too many factors involved. But the fact remains that among those who did not come back, many, especially among the young American soldiers, could have survived if they had had the preparation for life that should have been given them.

I had a deep sympathy for these young countrymen of mine. It grieved me to see them in a situation which it seemed to me they should never have been expected to conquer. Most of them had been captured after having been thrown in poorly equipped, to delay the Red flood from the north, until well-equipped troops could be sent. They had been expendable. But it was not just of physical equipment I thought. It was distressing to see how lightly some of these young men held their lives, when a struggle was needed to hold onto life. Many of them had known little of self-discipline. I shall never forget a young soldier saying to me, "I'll not force myself to eat that stuff even if I die." He and others did not have the self-discipline to swallow food that was repulsive to them. They lacked the Christian concept of life as sacred and God-given. I thought of the responsibility of our political leaders for this lack of preparation. Then it came to me that it was more the responsibility of the mothers of America.

During some of the very difficult days of our internment we were kept in a beautiful little valley. Yet day after day death decreased our number. To myself I called this place the "valley of the shadow of death" and it gave me courage to repeat the words, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me." I hope that those who have to do with the training of our youth in home, school, and church will realize how vital it is to help them get hold of a faith which will make them discipline themselves, which will make them understand that life is a sacred trust from God, and which will give them strength for living or for dying. If American young men ever again are thrown into such a situation, may they have had such training and preparation that they will "fear no evil" as they pass through the "valley of the shadow of death," whether it leads to continued life on this earth or to life in the Great Beyond.

The Printed Word in Africa

By MRS. E. LEROY STIFFLER

Bindery at Central Mission Press, Johannesburg

DURING a recent trip to Africa, my travels covered parts of the Union of South Africa, Portuguese East Africa, Southern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo, including the projects in Johannesburg, Gikuki, Kambini, Umtali, Old Umtali, Elisabethville, and the work being carried on through Leco, the interdenominational press at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo.

The needs of Africa are stupendous in every field of endeavor, the most urgent need being missionaries to man the program.

Every phase of mission work calls for an effective witness in the field of Christian literature, and the success of Christian missions is dependent upon an adequately planned literature program. The Central Mission Press in Johannesburg, the press at Old Umtali, and Leco, the interdenominational press (in whose program we share) in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, are making a supreme effort to publish the necessary materials. More modern equipment, more staff, especially trained journalists, would help to overcome the real handicap and enable them to produce economically and rapidly the most attractive literature possible. At present, each press is staffed with men who have the technical know-how and are producing most of the basic needs. At the Central Mission Press in Johannesburg, they do an amazing piece of work with a small staff, translating, editing, printing, and selling books in both African and European languages. Besides those for purely religious instruction, they have prepared some dealing with mothercraft, hygiene, temperance, natural science, homecraft, and fables based on African folk lore. There is no free distribution of printed matter, which leads one to believe that everything that is distributed is read.

Under the shadow of a slag pile (the residue from the gold mines of Johannesburg), and across the road from a gold mining compound, is a small building where Bible classes are conducted for workers in the compound. I attended an evening session, under the supervision of one of our workers. A small monthly newspaper was sold to those present. The paper outlined the religious program, and contained articles contributed by the Africans themselves. It was evident that the people craved knowledge and inspiration to live as Christians amidst the temptations and vicissitudes of life within a mining compound.

At the press in Old Umtali, I conferred with the staff members responsible for the printed word. Together, we shared problems in distribution.

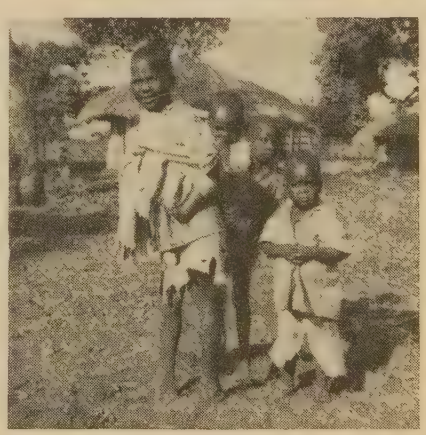
Leco houses a well-equipped printing plant as well as a spacious bookstore. It prints for mission stations, publishes materials on its own, and helps to coordinate the plans and development of new literature. Books available in one Congo language can now be translated into other languages by African writers, and so extend their usefulness. Primers and readers for adults are produced as a follow-up of Dr. Laubach's method of "each one teach one."

A visit to the native market at Leopoldville where everything from food to clothing is sold, revealed the need for more literature with the Christian emphasis. The African is buying books with showy covers, large type, and many illustrations. We know that communism is giving much thought to the production of attractive eye-appealing pamphlets. The Bible is the most important, but all books which draw the reader to Christ are an imperative.

The Central Mission Press recently published a most attractive, colorful leaflet, *People Are Dying for the Want of Knowledge,* outlining the need for modern equipment and the effectiveness of the present work. A quotation from this leaflet sums up the importance of literature as an effective Christian witness in Africa:

No other agency can penetrate so deeply, abide so persistently, witness so daringly, and influence so irresistibly as the printed page.

Children such as these and their mothers need eye-appealing, easy to read Christian literature.



Our Part Is Giving

By H. DORCAS HALL

THROUGH all the years since the first missionaries began working at home and abroad, our missionary program has developed to meet human needs. The program has grown as the work has developed—first one child taught to read, then a class, and eventually, a school. Schools, whether in America, Africa, Japan, or India, have a way of growing; and, as they grow, they cost more. There must be books, paper, pencils, and other materials. There must be teachers who receive salaries. Then come standards which are set up to improve the work done. When standards are met, the school becomes accredited. Each step costs more money.

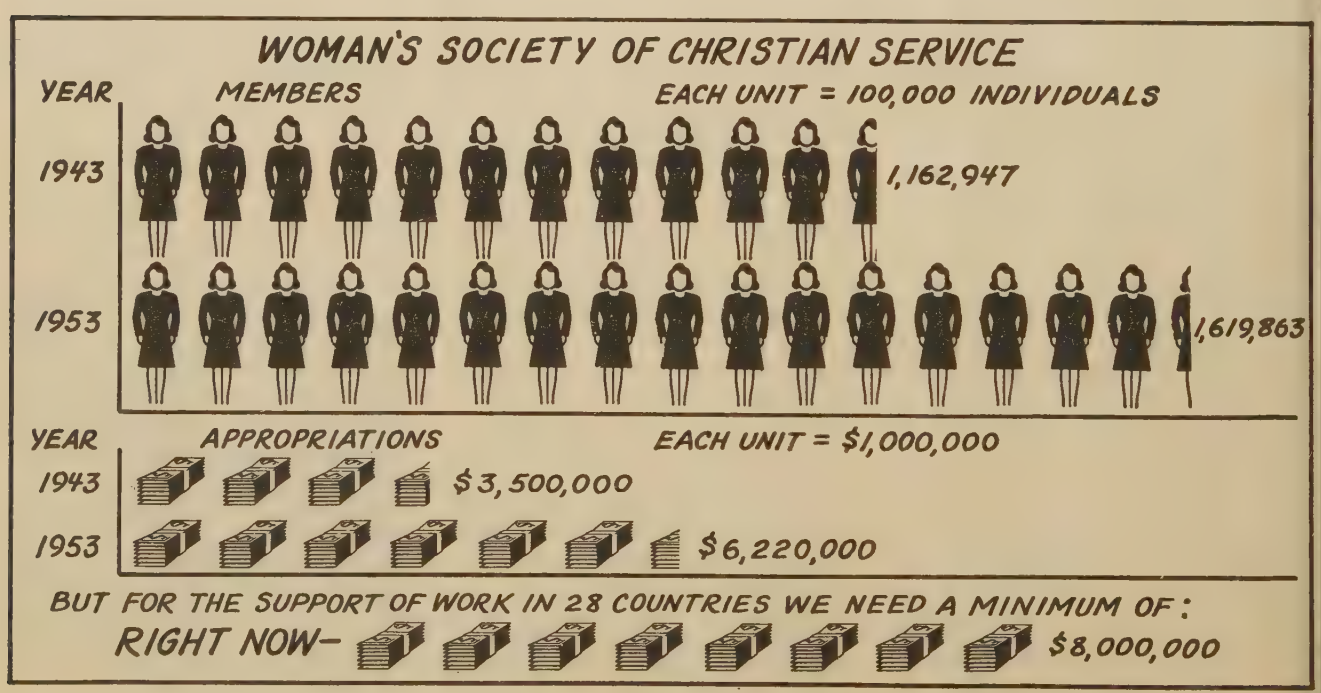
In countries like Korea and Japan where American troops have been for some time, the cost of food and clothing and other essentials has skyrocketed. We all know a dollar does not purchase what it formerly did in the United States. Schools are only one part of the program. Churches, hospitals and clinics, recreation centers and all the branches of mission work at home and abroad tell the same story.

Each year when setting up appropriations, the executive secretaries present the askings from the fields for each project. Every project needs more than can be included in the budget for its support just to carry on without any thought of expansion. It would be difficult to know where to get the funds to meet these needs, if each year there were not some increase in giving.

I wish you could hear the executive secretaries tell of the needs in the foreign and in the home fields. They consider most carefully how they will divide the funds available so that the most urgent needs will be met first. Many requests cannot be granted because there is no more money to divide.

If you decided to use the funds of your Woman's Society (conference, district, or local) on a project that you thought needed to be started, even though you met your pledge first, you still might undermine the work which already has been approved. Your project, like other projects, would grow if it were a success. That would necessitate more funds for it, and eventually might mean that your pledge to the Woman's Division could not be met. Let us also remember that as *individual* Christians we should help the agencies in our communities carry on their work of bettering the conditions of all people. We should look at our program of missionary work, not as something "handed down," but as something that has grown up through the years and that is so large because it has been so successful.

Let us see our part in the whole—that we are the channels through which the Woman's Division can meet the ever-increasing demands for funds in a world in revolution, that our part is to help people here and everywhere learn about the more abundant life and be able to make Christ known around the world.



MISSIONARY Briefs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Through Conversation
Through Letters
Through Programs

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF WORK IN FOREIGN AND HOME FIELDS

An Open Letter

Dear Friend,

Would you like to set aside your present task and chat with me for a while? I want to relate to you the most interesting part of my present life. But first of all, I would like to ask you a question. Have you ever received exciting news that made you feel very glad and also thankful? If you have, you already know what I felt when I was told that a scholarship was granted to me as a foreign student to go to National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri.

While I was in the airplane traveling from my country to the United States last October, I was happy and yet I felt a bit fearful. What a contrast. I felt happy because I knew that coming to this college would enable me as a Christian citizen to serve with intelligence and devotion. I was fearful because as a human being I feared the unknown.

I am a girl from the Dominican Republic which is in the Greater Antilles in the Caribbean Sea. There, as in other parts of the world, Protestant missions have been established even though it is a Catholic country. While I was attending the university in my country, some members of the Board for Christian Work in Santo Domingo were visiting the mission. One of them asked if I would like to continue my studies at National College in the United States. My immediate answer was, "Yes!"

I had a safe arrival and a fine reception at the college. All my fear vanished completely because smiles which inspired confidence were on the faces of all whom I met. Not only the people inspired confidence, but the buildings which majestically stood before me on the hilltop. The first concept that I formed of National College was that it is a vivid and convincing proof to humanity that there are still good people who think of helping others. My impressions of this college are so profound that I am afraid words cannot express them clearly. I am honored to say that I am a student at National College. The preparations to enable one are great and wonderful, and the experiences are of great value for all future Christian workers. The religious concepts are so well practiced that one feels he must be more loyal every day to the truth.

Thank you, Miss Day, and all the others who have made my coming to National College possible. I hope that just as I am so well impressed by the indispensable mission that the college is fulfilling that you, too, my friend, are conscious of the value of this school.

Sincerely yours,

BEATRIZ RYMER

BORNEO

Sarawak

By far the greater number of people here are Chinese with a few Malays and Dyaks mingled in. They all seem very grateful for the help which the missionaries give them.

The language is the greatest barrier that missionaries find. There is a mixture of dialects spoken, the main ones being Mandarin, Hinghwa, and Foochow. Usually many months are necessary for the proficient use of the language.

It has been very encouraging to see the way the young people take such an active interest in the church. Many of the members of the MYF go out into nearby communities and work in the churches and Sunday schools. The outstanding need is for more trained leaders to help carry out these projects.

A visit was made to Bwang Assan, which is a Dyak settlement about sixteen miles down the river from Sibu. These people are the former headhunters of Borneo. In some of the longhouses skulls are still hanging, but it is interesting to note that these people are rapidly turning to Christianity and many of the houses have crosses above their doorways. This Dyak work is a wide open field for Christianity, and the crying need is for more *workers* to send into the harvest fields. The Christian Church MUST not fail at this point. The first Woman's Society of Christian Service among the Dyak women was organized by Mrs. Thomas Harris. It meets on Sunday.

A NEWLY ARRIVED MISSIONARY

MISSIONARY Briefs

INDIA

Methodist Hospital

At our out-station in Kathlal, a dispensary has been running for more than a year. Dr. R. K. Parmer continues to make a weekly visit there, seeing patients who have gathered to consult him. We have made a further advance in this dispensary. A house has been completed, and a man and his wife are now permanently appointed to the work there. Eventually a dispensary building will be erected, but in the meantime one room in the duplex has been set aside as a clinic. Maganlal, the man and the trained nurse of the team, makes visits to the homes in the village, and with the aid of his wife, who is a trained midwife, relieves those simple ailments that he is qualified to treat, and encourages the patients to return for the doctor's weekly visits. After the erection of the dispensary building, there will be a few beds for maternity patients as well. Miss Elizabeth Overby, our public health nurse of the conference, makes frequent visits to this dispensary to help direct activities.

At the Methodist Hospital, Nadiad, on July 27, the first classes of our School of Nursing were held, and the school is now off to a good start. To be sure, the new building is not yet finished, and classes and living quarters are housed in temporary rooms, but we have a fine group of young men and women and we are delighted with their interest and progress. Their interest in their classes is stimulated by the efforts of Miss Lorenz, Miss Rodgers, and Miss Eshelman as well as the staff doctors, while outside activities such as badminton and ring-toss are presided over by their home mother, Miss Bailey. In my class in handcraft students will learn to make not only articles useful for themselves, but Christmas cards, books, knitted garments, sewing, et cetera, which will be useful in the wards. We have just finished preparing figures for the flannelgraph on the Life of Christ, which the young people will use in Religious Education.

—Mrs. Herschel Aldrich

BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

Moore Community House

Moore Community House is offering some new services to this locality. One is the Bookmobile, a county project. Books are left at the Community House to lend out to the people in this area. Not only are we encouraging children to read, but we hope that we can get good literature into the homes for adults to read.

Then, too, for the past months we have opened our house to Chinese airmen stationed at Keesler Field. We have been joining some Presbyterian friends in a Bible class held weekly for them. Already ten have accepted Jesus Christ through these efforts. They enjoy the Christian fellowship. On Thanksgiving, we entertained nine airmen for dinner. Sometimes they cook Chinese food here and they love it.

Just recently we have become acquainted with some WAFs at the base. Through them we are hoping to enlarge our ministry to service personnel. They tell us that the USO is the only place to go. They appreciate our homey atmosphere and enjoy attending our church.

Deaconess Eunice Stockton,
Director

ASSEMBLY DINNERS

There will be Fellowship Dinners at the Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, May 25, at 5:30 P.M., and Jurisdiction Dinners on Thursday, May 27, at 5:30 P.M.

Admission will be by ticket only, which must be purchased in advance. Price $2.50 each, gratuities included. *Tickets must be paid for when ordered.*

Checks or money orders are to be made out to the Woman's Division of Christian Service and sent *by May 10* to

Miss Dorcas Hall
Room 513
150 Fifth Avenue
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JAPAN

80th Birthday

In 1954 Aoyama Gakuin, one of the Christian schools in Japan with ties to the United Church of Christ and the Interboard Committee for Christian Work in the United States, will celebrate its 80th birthday. In 1874 Miss Dora Schoonmaker and Mr. Sen Tsuda opened a school for girls in a rented room in a Buddhist temple in Tokyo. A few years later, schools for boys were begun in Tokyo and Yokohama. Just as streams flow together to make a river, so these have come together during the years to form the present school which enrolls nearly 8,000 students. Aoyama Gakuin is unique in that its departments begin with a small primary school and go through junior and senior high school to the four-year college and postgraduate courses which make up its university. Since the war all are coeducational. Through Crusade Scholarships several of the faculty have studied in the United States. At present there are four couples and three single missionaries of the Division of World Missions and five Woman's Division missionaries connected with Aoyama Gakuin.

KOREA

Children's Magazine

In a growing effort to widen Christian influence, combat communist propaganda, and provide good reading material in a time when old customs are breaking down and new customs are forming, the Christian Literature Society of Korea is seeking new and varied means of reaching the Korean populace. The *Children's Magazine* was organized in 1950 to provide reading material with a Christian background for children, to sow the seeds of democracy in the minds of the children, and to supply good supplementary reading.

Workers in the Bureau of Town nd Country serve in agricultural eas and in industrial areas where eople are employed to utilize the untry's natural resources. Some these people live in good-sized wns. They work in the mills of edartown, Georgia; the marble iarries of Barre, Vermont; the pper mines of Bingham Canyon, tah; and in the coal mines of ennsylvania, West Virginia, Illiois, and Ohio. Here there are mmunity houses with programs dapted to local needs.

It is good now and then to have ngible evidence of the effectiveess of these projects. In Novemer, McCrum Community Center, niontown, Pennsylvania, was onored through the recognition of s superintendent, Miss Bessie K. an Scyoc. At the 15th anniverary dinner of the Uniontown xchange Club, Miss Van Scyoc as presented the Book of Golden eeds Award which recognizes each ear "a local person who has made niontown a better place in which live." She has been superinendent at McCrum for twentyour years. McCrum began as a chool for Slovakian girls to train or service among their own people. Miss Bozena Sochor, a graduate of McCrum School, is now on the staff f the Community Center whose rogram has changed during the ears to fill present needs.

In November, also, McCarty Community House, Cedartown, Georgia, received another kind of ecognition. The late Mrs. Lela Rogers left a bequest of $9,000 for se as an endowment of the kindergarten and the assembly room. McCarty was founded to serve hildren of the mill section. Although its program has changed, he chief purpose still is to benefit hildren from this area. More than 00 children, young people, and dults are enrolled there now, and housands have been through its oors in forty years of service. There is a recently opened class for etarded children.

What these community houses have meant in the lives of countless individuals was expressed by a minister in a Reformed Church service near Blodgett Community House, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, who said: "I stand here tonight as your minister because the Methodist women cared enough to have a community house in our section."

SUE BENNETT COLLEGE

Alumna of the Month

Mrs. Opal M. Lucas has been selected the Sue Bennett College Alumna of the month. She is a graduate from the General Course Department. Mrs. Lucas taught school in Laurel County, Kentucky, has served as attendance officer and as supervisor of teachers. She also has taught in the city schools. She is an active member of the firm of Lucas Real Estate and Automobile Business. Besides her work, Mrs. Lucas participates in many civic and social enterprises. At present, she is Governor of the Eighth District of the Kentucky Federation of Woman's Clubs. She also teaches a high-school-age Sunday-school class in London. Mrs. Lucas is one of the sponsors of the Little Theatre of London and is much interested in the fine arts. Sue Bennett College is proud of Mrs. Lucas and other alumni like her.

Assembly Bulletin

The Assembly Bulletin will appear in the July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. This will take the place of a separate publication.

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LATIN AMERICA

On December 1, 1953, Miss Eva Louise Hyde, for many years principal of Bennett College, a school of the Woman's Division of Christian Service in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was received at the Catete Palace to be decorated by the Brazilian government with the National Order of Merit. The ceremony in the "White House" of Brazil was attended by many distinguished people, particularly leaders in the educational life of Brazil. The Order was conferred by Dr. Ataulpho de Paiva, Chancellor of the Order, who was accompanied by President Vargas' Ministers of State. In his speech Dr. Paiva referred to the many documents from various associations and individuals which he had received, recommending Miss Hyde for the Order. Among others, there were the Brazilian Education Association, the Federal Syndicate of Private Schools, the Evangelical Confederation, and the Brazil-United States Cultural Institute. One petition, said Dr. Paiva, carried over a thousand signatures of ex-pupils, parents, and teachers.

Miss Hyde, who came home from Brazil in November, 1952, on her retirement furlough, returned to Rio de Janeiro in November of 1953 as the guest of the graduating class of Bennett College and of the government.

BRAZIL

One of the girls who was graduated in December, 1953, from the Methodist Institute, the Woman's Division of Christian Service training school for Christian workers in São Paulo, Brazil, has become the first deaconess of The Methodist Church of Brazil. She will take over the direction of the Protestant orphanage in Santa Maria, which is a national project of The Methodist Church in Brazil. Another graduate of the institute will assist in this work. A graduate, who has already become the wife of a Methodist preacher, goes to Bennett Junior College in Rio to take a three-year course in sacred music.

LAVERNE, CALIFORNIA

David and Margaret Home

David and Margaret Home is a place where Christian love seeks to meet human needs. Since most people who work with children today believe that they develop best in a family home, with two parents who understand and care for them, it becomes the duty of the staff of a children's home to plan toward that time when each child may return to a family situation. His own family is preferable, but if that is not possible, a foster home is sought where there are parents whom he can accept and who will help him to feel loved and wanted.

It is always hard for members of the staff to say good-by . . . especially to those who still may have many unsolved problems. But it is a joy and satisfaction to know that we had an opportunity to help at a time of need, and it is our prayer that the experiences in group living and sharing that he has had here, where Christian principles are applied, will give him strength and resources to meet problems in the next home situation.

—Mrs. Cleta K. Terrill,
Superintendent

VACATION HOMES

For Deaconesses, Missionaries, and Other Church Workers

Fenton Memorial Rest Home, Chautauqua, New York. This rest home was established as a memorial for deaconesses of The Methodist Church. There is no charge for lodging. Breakfast and light lunch may be prepared. A cafeteria and tea room are near by. Address: Miss Cynthia Brooks, Hostess, Allen High School, 331 College St., Asheville, North Carolina, for reservations.

Chautauqua Missionary Home, New York. This home overlooks Chautauqua Lake. Special rates are given to deaconesses, missionaries, and workers of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Two meals a day are served in the home. Address: Mrs. Charles H. Thomas, Hostess, 133 Hamilton Drive, Snyder 21, New York, for reservations.

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Candidates of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at the Annual Meeting, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania: (*left to right*) Misses Rosalie Jenkins, Lois Young, Marjorie L. Huskey, Irene Heatherington, Hisako Tanji, and Mr. Jack Hayes

During their year of furlough or leave of absence from work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, many deaconesses of The Methodist Church study at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee: (Front row—left to right) Mabel Whited, Leone Lemons, Berta Engels, Ethelynde Ballance; (Back row—left to right) Melva Humphrey, Winifred Wrisley, Hazel Cooper, Norma Bonniger, Mildred Hewes

Tim Hard

Now Wider and Wider the Circle Expands

By MRS. J. MARVIN KINZER

ONCE upon a time a young wife moved with her family from a small town into a very large city. Back in her home town she had been active in church and community affairs, so it was perfectly natural for her to feel lonely and homesick.

One happy day one of the church women invited her to attend a circle meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The lonely young woman was delighted. She enjoyed the fellowship and thought, "Now I can get to know these women and at last begin to feel at home."

Noting her appreciation one of the women said, "Well, if you enjoy the *circle* so much, you ought to come to our monthly meeting of the Woman's Society."

So she watched the church bulletin for a notice of the monthly meeting. When the day came, she was right there. She was thrilled to hear the circle leaders give their reports. One saw that the members in this Society were serving not only in their own church and community, but by their gifts of prayer, service, and money they were blessing the lives of people in places far, far away. When she spoke to some of the women about the thrill that such a thought gave her, they said: "You should go to our *subdistrict* meeting, if you think *this* is so wonderful. Mrs. Landrum, one of our field workers, is going to be there, and she is a most challenging speaker."

So . . . our friend was there in a front seat when the *subdistrict* meeting convened. When she mentioned to her neighbor at the luncheon table how privileged she felt to be at this meeting, her new friend said: "This has been a fine meeting, but you should go to the *district* meeting in the spring. One of our missionaries will speak."

You can imagine where we find her next. Bright and early on the morning of the district meeting, she was among 299 other women of like mind in a beautiful rural church. That was one of the happiest days of her life. Before adjournment she heard an enthusiastic invitation to attend a *conference* meeting. She thought, "Oh, I hope I can go."

She could and did. As she heard the secretaries of the several lines of work give their reports, each convinced that *her* work was the most interesting and important of all, she became more and more impressed with the whole picture of the Woman's Society. At the close of the meeting she heard some of the conference officers who were delegates to a *jurisdiction* meeting talking about that. When she realized that the jurisdiction meeting was to be held about forty miles from her home, she said to herself: "If George is willing, I'm going to take the children home to mother and I'm going to go! This Woman's Society work just gets bigger and bigger, and I'm going to learn all I can about it."

And she went, taking the children to her mother's home. Every session of the meeting was memorable, especially the hour when the deaconesses and missionaries stood before the microphone and quietly stated the number of years they had served in fields at home and abroad. She realized that unless the women in the local Societies had kept faithfully at work, these years of service never could have been given. The announcement was made that no meeting of the jurisdiction would be held the next year because there would be a meeting of the *Assembly* in Cleveland. "Could *anything* be more thrilling than *this*," she wondered. "I'll never find out unless I go to see," she decided.

George was so glad to see his family that he promised, before they reached their front door, that certainly she should attend the ASSEMBLY—by all means!

The great day came when she boarded the train for Cleveland. With hundreds and hundreds of other women, she climbed to the balcony of the spacious Music Hall. Looking down upon the throngs of people gathered there, she thought of George and her mother faithfully taking care of her children at home, and realized anew the sacrificial love which this great work demanded. There was a strange lump in her throat as she saw women in colorful dress, gathered from the very ends of the earth. She marveled at the poise and skill with which Mrs. Brooks presided, at the vision and resourcefulness of the leaders. She gloried in the great music.

As she felt the challenge of the Hour of Dedication, she thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place." On her homeward journey she thought of the joy and inspiration of the past few days. She remembered, too, the lonely woman who had become a member of a certain circle, and how that circle had grown wider and wider.

SEQUEL

You may be sure that this woman has kept her interest alive and growing. Without a doubt she will be at the Fourth Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 25-28.

Service of Ratification and Commitment

FOR THE CHARTER ON RACIAL PRACTICES

By MRS. EDWIN B. WHITE

Statement by Leader: **In January of 1952 at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, a Charter of Racial Policies was adopted. This action constituted another milestone of progress toward the Christian ideal in human relations. The preparation of this Charter was not accomplished overnight. Its adoption climaxed seven years of study and prayer by the committee appointed to prepare a statement on racial policies. It was a venture of faith based on the sure knowledge that if anyone is to have liberty and justice there must be liberty and justice for all, and on the belief that the time had come when Christian institutions must fully demonstrate these principles.**

It is not ours to decide whether changes in race relations shall come. They have come already. It is ours to determine how we shall deal with them. The Charter is a sincere effort to harmonize further our behavior with the life and teachings of Jesus. In these days of world disharmony it is more and more urgent for Christians to close the gap between pronouncement and practice, and to exemplify the concept that every person is entitled to equal opportunity as a brother in the world fraternity.

The beliefs and policies stated in the Charter are not new. They are based on the life and teachings of our Lord. They are basic truths of the Christian Gospel. They re-emphasize the desire of many Christians to follow Christ's example in human relationships. They focus attention on ways and means through which Woman's Societies can "take the next step" toward making such relationships a reality.

Some conferences, districts, and local societies have already ratified the Charter. We bring it prayerfully to you today with the hope that you will not only endorse it in principle, but will also work to translate its policies and practices in the life of your church and community.

(*Six persons will assist the leader in presenting the Beliefs*)

LEADER: Will you listen carefully to the six statements of beliefs as set forth in the Charter:

First—"*We believe* that God is the Father of all races and we are His children in one family."

1ST PARTICIPANT: "For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. . . . There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."[1] (Galatians 3:26-28)

LEADER: Second—"*We believe* that the personality of every human being is sacred."

2ND PARTICIPANT: "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."[1] (John 1:12-13)

LEADER: Third—"*We believe* that opportunities for fellowship and service, for personal growth, and for freedom in every aspect of life are inherent rights of every individual."

3RD PARTICIPANT: Jesus said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them."[1] (Luke 6:31)

LEADER: "*We believe* that the visible church of Jesus Christ must demonstrate these principles within its own organization and program."

4TH PARTICIPANT: ". . . Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."[1] (1 Cor. 8:6) "So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."[1] (Rom. 12:5) "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."[1] (John 13:35)

LEADER: "*We believe* that the Woman's Division as an agency of The Methodist Church must build in every area it may touch a fellowship and social order without racial barriers."

5TH PARTICIPANT: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him."[1] (Acts 10:34)

LEADER: "*We believe* that progress may be advanced by declaring emphatically those policies on which the Woman's Division is determined to move in order to come nearer the ideal."

6TH PARTICIPANT: "Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord." (Lamentations 3:40) "And many people shall . . . say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord . . . he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." (Isaiah 2:3)

SOLO: "O Young and Fearless Prophet"—4th and 5th verses only (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 266)

SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS: (*Reads the Charter*)

LEADER: This Charter is recommended to you, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of _____ Church for adoption. Our vote to adopt this Charter will confirm our acceptance of these Christian beliefs; it will commit us as individuals and as a group to work steadfastly toward their realization in the practices of our church and community.

DISCUSSION

VOTE

HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 279, *first three verses only*)

CLOSING PRAYER: God of grace, God of glory, God of all men everywhere, "gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee!"[2]

[1] From the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Copyrighted 1946 and 1952.
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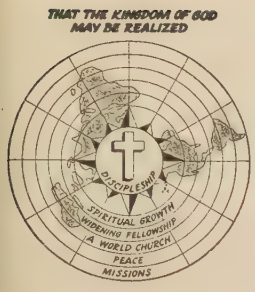

CHART AND COMPASS

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

MISS DORCAS HALL, *Executive Secretary,*
Section of Education and Cultivation
MRS. MAUDE WHITE HARDIE, *Assistant to the Executive Secretary*

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END, WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Realizing the Kingdom

A DISTRICT PLEDGE SERVICE by Mrs. Howard Stickland

Setting

WORSHIP CENTER: If the church has a divided chancel, place a large copy of Sallman's head of Christ on the altar, elevated on something. Before this, at the altar top level, place a globe, partly draped in a soft black scarf (as though wrapped in darkness). Have two unlighted candles on either side in their usual places.

If the church has no divided chancel, place the same worship center on a table inside the chancel rail.

Atmosphere—Prelude

The organ music of Hymn 501, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." During the playing of this hymn, the two readers come to the platform.

First Reader may be the President or Vice-President. (Whoever it is, be sure she practices the reading, so that every word may carry to the back of the auditorium.) She takes her place behind the pulpit.

Second Reader may be the Secretary of Spiritual Life. (She too must rehearse the reading for clarity.) She takes her place behind the lectern. (If the church has the pulpit in the center of the platform, each reader may step to the pulpit during her turn at reading, but in the case of the divided chancel the two readers stay in their places throughout the entire service.)

FIRST READER (*At the close of the organ prelude, she reads a composite reading from the various Gospels, R.S.V.*):

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

They said, "How are we to buy bread, so these people may eat? . . . Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

Jesus said, "How many loaves have you?"

Andrew answered, "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?"

And Jesus commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the five loaves, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he blessed the few small fish and commanded that these also should be set before them.

And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves.

When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!"

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The congregation stands to sing Hymn 458, "We Thank Thee, Lord." (*The first Reader, after announcing this hymn and singing with the congregation, may sit, if desired.*)

SECOND READER (*At the close of the hymn, she reads this paraphrase on the first reading*):

In 1953 our Master looks upon all the cities and villages of the world. He sees the crowded housing areas in the great industrial cities, with no Christian churches nearby; he sees the migrant families in the rural areas—little children growing up with neither schools nor church schools to attend. He sees the American Indians living in ignorance, neg-

lected on the reservations; he sees the sick and dying in India, Africa . . . the thousands of illiterate all around the world who long for light and a knowledge of God's true way of life. He sees the homeless children of the world; young business girls in cities, who need Christian boarding homes; elderly people who should have Christian rest homes. He sees the thousands in the far North who need hospitals, teachers, and preachers. He has compassion on the people for they are harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

He says to the Christians of today, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Heartless people say, "Why should we help these millions of ignorant and hopeless people? Send them to their governments for help, send them away!"

But Jesus says, "They need not go away; you give them the help they need, and preach to them the Good News of my Kingdom."

The Christian people say, "How can we help, Lord? Where can we get the millions of dollars it will take to help these people?"

Then the local church says, "There is a Methodist Woman here with a few dollars, but what are they among so many?"

Jesus says, "Bring them to me!"

So the Treasurers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service bring the Methodist Woman's dollars.

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(The District Treasurer comes inside the chancel rail, stands facing the audience. One by one the local Treasurers bring their pledges, and before the microphone they announce the name of their church and the amount of their pledge. Each takes her place by the chancel rail facing the worship center. When all have announced their pledges, the District Treasurer turns and walks to the altar holding out her hands as though offering this gift to the Christ.)

SECOND READER (continues reading):

"They bring their offering to the Master. He blesses it and breaks it and lo, the gift from the _____ District becomes $_____.

When added to the _____ Conference gifts, it grows to _____.

The Master takes it and blesses it, and when added to all the Conferences the gift is nearly $8,000,000.

(Here the District Treasurer (1) lays her offering on the altar, (2) lights the two candles, and (3) pulls the black scarf from the world.)

SECOND READER (continues):

And Jesus commands the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions to build schools and hospitals, homes and rural centers. The gift is divided throughout 26 foreign countries where it helps to carry on 700 projects. And in the United States and Territories it helps to support 320 projects. Salaries are paid to over 2,000 missionaries, deaconesses, and employed workers.

When all the projects of the Woman's Division have been cared for, the Master says to the Methodist women, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost." So they gather over one million dollars cash for Supply Work, to buy the over and above materials needed to enrich the services of the workers. Many more thousands of dollars are gathered which go to help the local churches and communities, and to furnish homes for the pastors.

And when the Methodist Woman sees the great work which Jesus does with her small offerings, she and her sisters kneel in prayer.

(Here the Local Treasurers at the chancel rail, and the District Treasurer at the altar, kneel. The audience, seated, bow their heads. All read: "The Prayer for Missions," page 515, The Methodist Hymnal.)

"O Thou who are the Light and the Life of the world, have compassion, we pray Thee, upon those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death; and as Thou didst at the first, by the preaching of Thine apostles, cause the light of Thy gospel to shine throughout the world, be pleased to make Thy ways known upon earth, Thy saving health unto all nations. Bless Thy servants who have gone into hard fields and unto distant lands to proclaim the message of salvation. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit, enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, prosper them in all their labors, and give them souls as their reward. And, O Thou Lord of the harvest! we pray Thee to send forth more laborers into Thy harvest. May they both sow the seed and reap the fruit of their labors! And give us grace to do our part in the great field of this world in sowing and in reaping, through the grace of Jesus Christ." Amen.

SOLO: Hymn 466, "O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart" *(Sung while all remained bowed, and kneeling in prayer.)*

NOTE: With a few minor changes this may be effectively adapted for use in a local Society or a conference.

Explanation: The Woman's Division of Christian Service has work in 28 countries. The Department of Work in Foreign Fields administers projects in 26 countries, and the Department of Work in Home Fields administers the work in the United States and territories *plus* the work in the Dominican Republic.

GOING TO ASSEMBLY?

By all means, go if you can. Your life will be the richer for it.

But if you cannot go, you can be represented by your gift for our retired workers of the Woman's Division. This is a cause that lies close to all our hearts. Ask your local Society treasurer about it.

Then on Wednesday evening, May 26, when the gift-bearing processional moves forward, with your conference in line, you will have a part in it—whether you are there in the Auditorium at Milwaukee, or following this great gathering in your thoughts and prayers, from back home.

IN EITHER CASE, ACT FAST!

100 PER CENTERS

The following Woman's Societies of Christian Service report every woman member of the church a member of the Society. Listing is by conferences. (Names received up to January 15.)

BALTIMORE: Baltimore South District—Wesley Grove
Washington East District—Mt. Zion
Baltimore West District—McKendree

CENTRAL NEW YORK: Elmira District—Overton, Pa.
Syracuse District—East Homer, N. Y.; Fabius, N. Y.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA: Brookside (Waterville charge), Glen Campbell, Port Matilda

ERIE: Jamestown District—Falconer (Elmwood), Ripley
Meadville District—Riceville

GENESEE: Olean District—Two Societies

NEW ENGLAND: Lynn District—Lawrence
Springfield District—East Colrain

NEW YORK: Newburgh District—Central Valley, N. Y.

PITTSBURGH: Allegheny District—Bakerstown

WYOMING: Binghamton District—Endwell, Warren Center
Scranton District—Hawley
Wilkesbarre District—Slocum

ALABAMA: Marianna District—St. Mark, Panama City, Fla.; Bayview; Port St. Joe, Fla.

HOLSTON: Cleveland District—Englewood
Kingsport District—Logan's Chapel
Maryville District—Roberts Chapel
Morristown District—Rutledge
Tazewell District—Looney's Chapel
Wytheville District—Bethlehem

MEMPHIS: Brownsville District—Atoka, Kerrville
Dyersburg District—Dyersburg Mission
Lexington District—Concord

NORTH CAROLINA: Durham District—Sapling Ridge
New Bern District—Belgrade
Wilmington District—Bethesda (Barnsville charge), Buie

NORTH MISSISSIPPI: Aberdeen District—Egypt
Columbus District—Bowie Chapel, Macon

SOUTH CAROLINA: Rock Hill District—Ebenezer, Heath's Chapel

VIRGINIA: Charlottesville District—Mt. Olivet, North Garden

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA: Gastonia District—High Shoals
Thomasville District—Ebenezer

DETROIT: Port Huron District—Bad Axe, Cedardale, East Deerfield, Lakeport, State Road

ILLINOIS: Galesburg District—One Society
Jacksonville District—Eight Societies
Springfield District—Two Societies

INDIANA: Evansville District—Hatfield

IOWA-DES MOINES: Ottumwa District—Hilton, Lovilia
Burlington District—Fort Madison (Santa Fe)
Creston District—Kent

MICHIGAN: Big Rapids District—Alma
Grand Traverse District—Alba, Hollister
Kalamazoo District—Morris Chapel

MINNESOTA: Fergus Falls District—Beltrami, Bemidji
Central District—Bird Island, Cosmos
Duluth District—Cromwell, Fleming
Winona District—Pine Island
Minneapolis District—Salem

NORTH DAKOTA: Northern District—Starkweather
Southern District—Turtle Lake

NORTH-EAST OHIO: Akron District—Magnolia
Cambridge District—Bracken
Youngstown District—Marion Heights

NORTH INDIANA: Wabash District—Disko

NORTH IOWA: Algona District—Emmetsburg
Davenport District—Davenport (Grace), Monticello, Preston
Dubuque District—Delhi, Edgewood, Farley, Greeley
Fort Dodge District—Lake City

SOUTH DAKOTA: Kimball, Lake Preston, Lanford, Orient

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS: Carbondale District—New Bethel
Harrisburg District—Wesley Chapel
WEST WISCONSIN: Northern District—Dallis, Glenwood City, Ladysmith

WISCONSIN: Appleton District—Milladore
Watertown District—Johnson Creek

CENTRAL KANSAS: Colby District—Banner, Grainfield, Prairie Home, Ruleton
Concordia District—Covert
Dodge City District—Ford, Zook
Hutchinson District—Cleveland, Coats, Zenda
Salina District—Aulne, Salina (Grand Avenue)
Wichita District—Dawson
Winfield District—Belle Plaine, Benton, Chelsea, Rosalia, Udall

EAST OKLAHOMA: Cushing District—Union

KANSAS: Ottawa District—Blue Mound, Richter

LOUISIANA: Lake Charles District—Wesley, De Ridder
Shreveport District—East Point

NEBRASKA: Columbus District—Looking Glass, Green's Chapel
Geneva District—Ebenezer, Inland
Grand Island District—Williamsburg
North East District—Belden, Magnet, Spencer, Wakefield
Omaha District—Bethel

NORTHWEST TEXAS: Big Spring District—Buford
Pampa District—Lela

ST. LOUIS: Cape Girardeau District—Fairview

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI: Newtonia, Wanda

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: San Antonio District—Asbury, Christine

WEST OKLAHOMA: Enid District—Kremlin
Oklahoma City District—Harrah

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA: Redwood Empire District—Dixon, Eureka

COLORADO: Pueblo District—Avondale
Utah-Western District—Mesa

OREGON: Eugene District—Creswell
Portland District—Wasco
Salem District—Tangent

PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Spokane District—Centenary

THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS ARE REPORTED AS 100 PER CENT ORGANIZED

This means there is a Woman's Society of Christian Service, or a member or members, or a Wesleyan Service Guild, in every church of the district. Names of such districts will be published *once only* during the quadrennium.

SOUTH CAROLINA (SE): *Greenwood, Rock Hill Districts*
TEXAS (SC): *Houston West District*

Another Chance

By MRS. VANCE STONEBACK

CHARACTERS: MRS. HELEN BENTLY
THE VOICE OF HER CONSCIENCE
MRS. MARGE CAMBRIDGE
MRS. DOROTHY ANDERS

SCENE: In Mrs. Bentley's living room on the afternoon of the Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting.

TIME: About 2 P.M.

Helen Bently enters, looking ready and willing to fall into the first easy chair at hand. The telephone rings. Complaining, she crosses the room to answer it.

HELEN: Hello.

VOICE OF MARGE CAMBRIDGE *from off stage:* Hello, Helen?

HELEN: Yes, this is Helen. But I wish it weren't. I wish Helen were lying here on the sofa sound asleep where she wants to be. This you, Marge?

MARGE: Yes. What on earth is the matter with you, Helen? You sound as if you were disgusted with the whole world. You aren't ill, are you?

HELEN: Oh, no, not really. It's just this weather. It's so hot, I don't feel like doing a thing. Makes me feel tired all the time. You know how it is.

MARGE: Yes, it is warm. I hate to think of going to the meeting this afternoon.

HELEN: Oh, I'm not going. It's just too warm and I didn't sleep too well last night. I was just about to lie down and get a little rest.

MARGE: But there are several things of importance to be discussed today, Helen. Don't you think we should all be there to help with the decisions?

HELEN: Oh, I suppose we should, but one has to think of herself sometimes, too. No, Marge, I'm not going. No one will miss me anyway.

MARGE: Well, if you're not going, I don't think I will either. Maybe I'll drop down later in time for lunch. I really had some things I wanted to do this afternoon anyway. Frankly, I was thinking of staying home but thought maybe I'd better go. You've made me feel better about it. I guess they can just get along without us this afternoon. Have a good rest, dear. 'Bye.

HELEN: 'Bye, Marge.

Helen replaces the receiver and walks toward the sofa. She starts to lie down when the doorbell rings. She rises, mumbling to herself again about the interruptions and goes to the door. She opens it and Dorothy Anders enters, dressed for the Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting.

HELEN: Hi, Dorothy, come on in.

DOROTHY: Hi, Helen. I just stopped by to see if you want a ride down to the church to the meeting. *(Helen motions her to a chair and they both sit down.)* Meeting starts promptly at 2:30 you know, and we have a lot of business today.

HELEN: Oh, I'm just so tired today, Dorothy, I'm not going to the meeting. I thought I'd stay home and get a little rest. Besides, there's a movie in town tonight that I'd like to see. Maybe if I get rested up this afternoon, I can get George to go tonight. They'll never miss me at the meeting.

DOROTHY: I know how you feel, Helen. I told myself the same thing this morning. I wanted to do some shopping today and thought I'd skip the meeting, but I decided I had better go and help with some of these plans.

HELEN: Well, I suppose I should, too, but I'm just not going to today. Marge isn't going either.

DOROTHY *(surprised)*: She isn't? *(Thinks a moment.)* Then I'm not going. I wanted very much to get some shopping done. As long as I'm dressed to go out and have the car, I might as well get it done.

HELEN: Stop by on your way home and we'll have coffee together.

DOROTHY: Thanks, Helen, I'd love to. I'm so glad I came over now. You've made me feel much better about missing the meeting. I don't suppose one more or less makes any difference. *(She rises to go.)* 'Bye, Helen.

HELEN *(goes to the door and opens it.)*: 'Bye, Dorothy. Don't buy everything you see.

(She returns to the sofa and this time succeeds in getting nicely settled for a good rest. She lies there a moment; then starts turning and twisting as if in discomfort.)

HELEN: Oh, dear, I just can't get comfortable so I can sleep.

VOICE: What's the matter, Helen? Can't you go to sleep?

HELEN *(looking very startled, she gets up on one elbow and listens)*: I thought I heard someone talking. Just my imagination, I guess. *(She starts to lie down again.)*

VOICE: No, Helen, it's not your imagination. It is your conscience speaking to you.

HELEN: Conscience! Nonsense! Helen Bently, what's the matter with you? Hearing things in your old age? Now to get that nap I wanted so badly. *(She tries again to close her eyes and sleep.)*

VOICE: No, Helen, I will not let you rest this day. You must realize that you have made a grave mistake. It is true, missing a meeting is not a matter of life or death. But this is a meeting where the building of God's Kingdom is at stake. Suppose everyone who belongs to the Christian fellowship took her responsibilities as lightly as you do. Where would God's Church be? True enough, it is just a business meeting, but these things must be carried on if the work of the church is to be effective and powerful. And besides, you need the inspiration from the devotions and program to keep you in tune with the progress of our efforts.

HELEN: Oh, the devotions are fine. I enjoy the singing and hearing the Scripture of the day, but sometimes I don't get much out of the program.

VOICE: Perhaps that is your own fault, Helen. You must seek something and recognize the message as such if you are to reap any real benefit from it. Sometimes, you just sit there and let the information go in one ear and out the other and don't look for the important points in the program. Isn't that true?

HELEN: Oh, yes, I guess it is. I suppose if I really studied these things and tried to understand them, they would mean more to me. Some of the women seem to get a great deal of inspiration.

VOICE: Of course they do, Helen. When women really become consecrated to the cause of building Christ's Kingdom, they also become concerned about everything and everyone and every place that has a part in it. You have passed up many opportunities to serve the Lord because you have not understood the needs of our missionary programs, Helen. Not only that, but look what you have done today. It was selfish of you to think only of your own comfort instead of the importance of God's work.

HELEN: But what could I do?

VOICE: That is a good question—one you should ask yourself more often. You pray often, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." But what are you doing to bring in the Kingdom? And do you see how you have influenced others to put aside the work of the Lord for things of much less importance?

HELEN (*protesting in defense of herself*): If you mean Marge and Dorothy, I didn't tell them to stay away from the meeting. I only said I wasn't going.

VOICE: No, but what did you do to encourage them in their responsibility, or to strengthen them in their weaker moments? Because of you there will be three less members at the meeting today. If all the women who call themselves Christians worked at their Christianity as you do, I'm afraid there would be little hope of saving the world for Jesus Christ. This is not the first time you have made such a decision, Helen. Too often other things come before God and His Church. Those who take only the comfort and hope which the Christian religion has to offer without accepting any of the challenge are really missing the boat. They will never know the joy of hearing Christ say to them, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Do you see why I cannot let you go on without trying to make you see yourself as you really are?

HELEN: But I'm not the only one who doesn't always attend the business meetings of the Woman's Society. Some of the women don't have any children and have much less work to do than I, and they miss meeting after meeting.

VOICE: Yes, Helen, that is true. And they are missing much of the richness of life because they are not concerned with the work of the church. Oh, they may donate a bit now and then, in a begrudging sort of way, and they think they are doing their share by serving occasionally, and that is all there is to it, but that is not what God wants. He wants us to give our whole heart and soul and mind to Him to use as He wishes. Only then do we really have the joy of serving Him—only when we serve Him without reservation or hesitation. And it is in these little things that we show others where our hearts really are. They may seem unimportant but nothing concerning the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the building of God's Kingdom is unimportant.

HELEN: Oh, I have been selfish. (*She hides her face in her hands.*) And so very, very foolish. How easy it is to convince one's self you are doing the right thing when you are really failing miserably. Truly, I did not think it mattered so much whether or not I attended the church meetings. And I did influence both Marge and Dorothy. They were planning to attend the meeting until they talked to me. (*Helen sits on the sofa with her head bowed. Then looks up.*) This has been very strange. It was like a contest between myself and my conscience. I have lost all my arguments and yet I have won. For now I see what mistakes I have made. I see that I can get out of something only what I am willing to put into it, and that I can see many things if I but take the time and trouble to look for them. God has revealed some very important things to me today. I know I will not take the work of the women in God's church lightly again. (*She rises.*) If I hurry, I can still get to the meeting without being too late. (*Looking up.*) Oh, thank you, God, that it isn't too late. (*Exits.*)

THE END

FOURTH ANNUAL WORKSHOP FOR CAMP LEADERS

Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee

June 7—July 2, 1954

June 7-16: **Regional Training Camp for leaders, the Methodist Board of Education in cooperation with Scarritt College. Ten days of "training through camping" for leaders of various types of church camps—day camps, week-end camps, family camps, resident camps, local church camps, settlement camps.**

June 21—July 2: **Laboratory day camp experience with juniors and intermediates in cooperation with Nashville churches. (The intervening days, July 17-21, will be spent on the campus and on the day campsite in preparation for the day camp experience.)**

Leadership:

Staff of outstanding camp leaders, including church camp leaders and persons skilled in camp craft.

Cost:

Regional Training Camp—June 7-16	**$40.00**
Laboratory, June 17—July 2:	
Tuition	**36.00**
Matriculation, health, and library fee	**10.00**
Room and board (on campus)	**45.00**
Total	**$131.00**

Important:

Those desiring to do so may register for the ten-day period only; those registering for the entire workshop, June 7—July 2, will be eligible for six quarter hours academic credit.

Spiritual Life

STUDY TO BE QUIET

By MRS. J. W. PAYNE

"LET us study to be quiet." As I read that line I realized more keenly than ever that somewhere along the road of life many of us had lost that quality necessary for Christian growth—quietness. Our everyday lives are made up of a jumble of noises—radio, telephone, television, cars blowing, trucks rumbling, trains and airplanes sailing by.

"Be still and know that I am God" is as much an imperative for God's children today as it was in bygone centuries. That is why Christians should take every opportunity to enjoy the quiet fellowship that can be ours with Christ and with fellow Christians by holding Retreats, Days Apart, or Quiet Days—whichever of the three is best suited for our needs. These quiet times should be held on all levels of our organization—the Woman's Division of Christian Service, jurisdiction, conference, district, and Woman's Societies in the local church.

In those groups and Societies that have not already held a service like this, many questions will arise and here are some of the answers:

When? The time should be definitely settled weeks before the quiet time is to be observed. Order and have ready for distribution as early as possible leaflets and pamphlets on prayer, worship, and fellowship so the women may be praying and preparing their hearts and minds for this great Christian experience. (Our Literature Headquarters* and *The Upper Room*[1] have many excellent free leaflets.)

Tables set for Sacrificial Breakfast at Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, Florida

Florida Photo

Where? The meeting can be held in a home or in the church, wherever there will be the least noise and fewest interruptions. If a meal is to be served, let it be a sacrificial meal or the simplest of food. This is not a social occasion.

What? (a) For jurisdiction, conference, and district groups we suggest a Retreat, using *Be Ye Therefore Perfect** (30 cents) and the *Order of Worship and Group Responses** for the above (10 cents).

(b) For Woman's Societies in the local church it may be more expedient to have a Quiet Day, and *Meditations and Plans for the Quiet Day** for our Week of Prayer and Self-Denial is excellent.

(c) Or the groups may observe a Day Apart, using the service given in the February issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Who? The secretary of Spiritual Life on all levels should take the initiative for arranging for these services, but she does not have to be the leader. The leader is most important and, if possible, should possess the following qualifications:

1. She should be a sincere Christian in whom all the women have complete confidence.

2. She should be a good speaker and reader, with a serene, unhurried manner.

3. She should be willing to give ample time for study so she will be thoroughly familiar with her topic, studying not only the text but reading several parallel books and leaflets.

4. She should constantly keep before her the main objective, which is to lead the group in corporate worship so that they can attune their hearts to hear His voice and allow Him to more completely direct their lives.

In "quietness and confidence" let us go forward together to build the Kingdom of God.

* Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

[1] *The Upper Room*, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Information and Action

Dear Friends:

As these words are written to you the year is new and many peoples of the world have high hopes for the achievement of more of the basic elements of peace. The results of the meeting of the "Big Four" are not yet known. The 83rd Congress of our own nation is facing some important problems—of uncertain solution! Not enough "voting voices" have been heard by congressmen and senators to give a sure sense of direction toward "the things that belong unto peace!"

As this April issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN reaches its readers, many of you will be seeking with special hope and expectancy during the Lenten season "to scale new mountains of insight, understanding, and strength." The steeper the mountains—the greater the barriers, and the more important it becomes to keep our sense of direction. We must use the good resources at hand for making our community and nation serve their purpose in a world like this. That Easter of long ago proved the infinite and eternal values of goodness and love. All the centuries since that first Easter have demonstrated that we have as our unfailing ally "not a broken body in a rock cut grave, but a vital and victorious presence." This same Christ said to his early followers, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33, RSV)

The acceptance of our task as his witnesses at this Easter time in 1954 calls us to gird our hearts with a new faith that somehow, with greater confidence, takes hold of Micah's vision of a new world:

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. . . . And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:2-3)

Our task calls us to practical action in the realization of this world of nations described by Micah. It means doing with courage and assurance the things that will create the world we want. The program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities provides some practical suggestions from which you may choose those activities and programs that best fit the needs of your own church and community. You will want to bring together your committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities and study carefully the following specific resources:

1. *The pages of* THE METHODIST WOMAN. Note especially the four pages in THE METHODIST WOMAN for December, 1953, when the issues before the 83rd Congress were summarized in relation to the action taken by the Woman's Division. Some of these matters may be of such interest in your own group that you will plan for discussions, out of which practical action will grow.

THE METHODIST WOMAN for March, 1954, brought to you some of the major recommendations and suggestions for action that were made by the Woman's Division at its annual meeting in January, 1954. These items should serve as a guide in determining your program of action for the next year.

2. *The Contribution of Older People toward building a peaceful world.* The next two pages of this magazine will suggest to you some possible ways in which you may help your church and community capitalize on the rich backgrounds of the older people of your church and community, some of whom may be shut-ins. The increasing number of older people in this nation provide an untapped reservoir of practical and good resources.

3. Pages 29, 30 list some current publications, visual aids, and other resources on *United Nations.* These materials will be especially useful as you plan for and participate in Workshops for United Nations.

Finally this is another reminder that *The Quadrennial Assembly of Methodist Women* will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 25-28. *You are invited!* Some of you will go, but most of you cannot be there in person. You will have the privilege of joining with other local groups across the world in strengthening the bond of fellowship through your united prayers for the Assembly and for your own renewed strength in doing your share to make the spirit and challenge of this great Assembly reverberate across the world in constructive action. Watch for the report in the *enlarged edition* of THE METHODIST WOMAN for July-August. Encourage your Executive Committee and Committee on Program to begin now to plan for a "Little Assembly" in your own church or community *next October!*

God grant in these blessed pre-Easter days and always that we may ever be alert in our quest for the "redeemed life" for all!

Sincerely yours,
THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER

The Older Citizen

A Resource for Creating Understanding

"I DIDN'T suppose anyone would ever again be interested in hearing me talk about the old country," said an eighty-year-old woman with tears in her eyes.

"And I didn't dream anything could be so interesting, Mrs. Kuomi," the younger woman replied. "I learned more this afternoon than I would have in reading a dozen books. As you talked, Finland came to life. I begin to understand some of the things we share and some of the ways in which we are different. And don't forget that you promised me some of your recipes. May I come out tomorrow and copy them?" The older woman nodded eagerly. A whole vista of new contacts and new friends was opening up before her just when she had thought that she was definitely "on the shelf" and that no one would need her any more. It would have been enough to have found any way of making new friends and being useful, but to have the people who had planned the meeting say that she could help in a small way in the task of building world understanding by interpreting her old country to people in the "new country" that she had loved for fifty years was almost too much joy.

Experiments like the one which brought such joy to Mrs. Kuomi have provided a new tool for working for peace through international understanding. In most communities there are older people who would be grateful for the opportunity to share their memories of the countries from which they came to America. The possibilities are infinite. Customs and traditions, the things that brought them to America, worship, art, music, handicrafts, food—each of these topics has possibilities.

In one town the stories of the situations in their countries that made them decide to seek freedom in America led to a new respect for these older citizens who had lived through so much, and also gave new appreciation for the freedom we enjoy.

Bridging our past in this way and understanding the contribution which other cultures have made to our own can be a very useful preparation, too, for entertaining guests from abroad. Older people will find great joy in being a part of this sort of town experience which too often passes them by entirely. Often, too, their being involved in the planning for foreign guests may prevent embarrassing situations in which foreign visitors, particularly those who come from Africa and the East or those who have a religion other than Christianity, often might be offered food or plans which would be difficult for them to accept. It is wonderful, too, how much help a person from his own country who had been in the United States for many years can be to the stranger, and how much such briefing can do to make the experience more profitable for everyone.

With such values in mind, might it not be worth while for your group to survey your resources among older people with different cultural backgrounds, and then to see what mutually helpful projects could be worked out. We live today—as it is almost becoming trite to say—in a world which is both wonderfully and frighteningly interconnected. To live to the best advantage in a world like this is going to require sympathy, understanding, resource, and imagination of a kind that has never before been required of us. We cannot afford to ignore any possibilities for developing such qualities. It is surprising that we have not begun before this to make use of the resource in this direction provided by the presence of so many older people, who have both information and understanding of other countries and the leisure in which to assist others in acquiring this information and understanding. Means of making life more enjoyable for our increasing number of elder citizens has become a matter of great concern during the past five years. Here, fortunately, is a spot at which a contribution can be made so both of these needs can be met at the same time, and the result should be one that will promote the cause of world understanding and draw the community together, and also fill the lives of the older people who contribute to it with something rewarding.

Steps in Planning

1. Read booklet No. 6 in *If Thou Hadst Known* * for discussion of the need for developing world culture.

2. Get planning group together to discuss idea and make plans for carrying it out. It ought to be easy to find people who are interested in international understanding that you can draw together for this first meeting. It is wise to make the group as representative of all groups in the town as possible. If you are ready to do the planning on a very formal basis and want each organization in town to give it official backing, you will want to send requests for representation to these organizations and to leave the selection of their representatives on the planning committee in their hands. This way may take much longer as you have to wait for each organization to meet and to discuss the idea. You will be able to sense whether your community has had sufficient experience in doing things of this sort together to make the official representation of organizations a possibility or whether to go ahead informally.

If possible, try to include in your planning group at least one of the older women who have come from other countries. The things which this group will need to do will be: (a) decide whether the idea has merits and is workable in your particular community, (b) decide where you can most effectively use this kind of program. For example, the choice might be between a series of morning coffee hours,

afternoon teas or evening meetings, depending upon the time that is likely to get the best attendance in your community. Another decision that might need to be made would be whether it would be more effective to have these meetings on a community-wide basis, or whether they could more profitably be organized as "block meetings" where the women come together in small groups, with perhaps some sort of general town-wide event to conclude the series. It might on the other hand be possible that your committee would feel ambitious enough to start out with meetings which involved both men and women. In any case it will be wise to consider the possibility of making the eventual goal some sort of family activity, which will bring whole families together to learn more about the origins of our common culture and the contributions of many nations to it.

In several cities settlement houses have arranged to use older people in the process of trying to give young people a better sense of our heritage and history and of the cultures of other countries. This effort has met with enthusiasm from both the young and the old.

3. Fix definite responsibilities for endeavoring to discover what resources in the way of older people with differing national backgrounds your community, or even a nearby community, affords.

4. Plan to come again for another meeting after you have found out the possibilities. At this time you will want to select a very good arrangements committee, as the success of the whole project may well depend on how carefully the arrangements are made. It is important to remember that in dealing with older people, some of whom may find it difficult to provide their own transportation, such arrangements must be carefully and graciously made so that these guests will feel at ease and be assured that the little extra effort involved is a privilege rather than a burden for those who make it. Distinguishing between the people of the same age who are happier getting to places by themselves and those who need help is something that requires great tact and understanding. It will also be necessary to make careful arrangements for collecting and safely returning the treasures brought from other countries which some of your guests may wish to display.

4. Make careful plans for publicity. Here will be an opportunity to get some very interesting stories about the individuals who are to be your guests, and about the importance of our all learning to appreciate each other in an interdependent world. Remember that many people who will not be able to come to your meeting will read colorful and interesting newspaper stories. Pictures also help, and it is possible that your newspaper editor will be willing to arrange for a photographer, if you explain the idea to him carefully. It is of great importance that the editor or editors should understand what you are trying to do. Why not write a letter explaining the idea and asking if you may call upon him to talk about it and to get any suggestions that he may have. If your letter is not answered you will then have an opportunity to call upon him or to telephone him to say that you know how busy he is, but you are anxious to get his reaction and suggestions. Also you wish to learn what can be done to assure full coverage by his newspaper, whether that involves your turning in the best stories that you can manage to write or whether it involves his covering the story with a reporter.

Local radio stations are also a good possibility. Talk to the program director about having a group from the committee and one of the older guests discuss the plan over the radio. If you have a commentator with a regular program in which interesting people are interviewed, this is also a good possibility of getting one of your guests interviewed. It is well to be prepared with the story of some particular guest before you make this suggestion. Remember, also, that while drawing out shy guests will be quite possible in small meetings, for this radio interview you will need someone with sufficient confidence to talk easily under circumstances which sometimes frighten people a little.

Remember Shut-Ins

The problem of the shut-in is one which concerns us all greatly. There may be some cases in your community where a shut-in, either a person with a contribution to make about some other country or one who has deep interest and concern about international affairs, may think wistfully of how much she wishes that she might attend such meetings. If this should be the case and you are sure that her illness is of a sort where the stimulation of such an event would be good for her rather than too tiring, why not bring the event to her since she cannot go to it. If members of the planning committee took responsibility for making all the arrangements necessary in her home such as extra chairs, rearrangement of furniture—and the refreshments were brought and served by the committee, the experience might be rich both for the visitors and the shut-in. It might be wise to consult the family or even the family doctor of the invalid before suggesting the possibility.

Study the United Nations

A List of Resources

I. Leaflets

Your U.N. Worked for Peace 1952-53 *—Free for postage. *Don't Be Fooled* *—cartoon booklet exposing falsity of many charges against the U.N.—5 cents. *Making the U.N. a Part of Family Life* *—Some suggestions to help parents in preparing children for life in our interdependent world. Free for postage. *Twenty-five Things the U.N. Has Done for You: Twenty-five Things You Can Do for the U.N.*[1] *Facts and Fallacies*—answers to many of the untrue charges made against the U.N.—Church Peace Union, 170 E. 64th St., New York, N. Y. $1.00 per hundred. *What It Is, What It*

[1] Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for price and release date.

Does, How It Works Series. Separate leaflets on: IRO, International Monetary Fund, United Nations, UNICEF, UNESCO, FAO, WHO, ILO, ITU, and the International Bank. Write for prices per hundred from the U.N., New York, N. Y. These are the best detailed information on the specialized agencies available for general distribution. *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*—complete text. United States Dept. of State Pub. No. 3381. 5 cents. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

II. Books

U.N. Today and Tomorrow—Eleanor Roosevelt and William DeWitt. This book contains much human-interest material not available elsewhere, as well as an excellent brief explanation of the organization and a question and answer section. $3.00, Harper and Brothers, New York. *United Nations and World Community*—A. H. Feller. Mr. Feller, who was the U.N.'s chief legal counsel for several years, has told in this book the story of the problems that have beset the organization since its beginning and the ways in which it has helped, as it dealt with those problems, to bring about a world understanding. $2.50, Little Brown & Co., Boston, 1952.

III. Pamphlets

*A Christian's Primer of the U.N.**—Revised to December, 1952. An effort to present the U.N. particularly from the standpoint of the Christian. Planned to lend itself to group study as well as for individual reading.—25 cents. *A Christian's Primer on Technical Assistance and Land Reform* *—25 cents. Available June 1. *If Thou Hadst Known* *—50 cents. *World in Your Hands* *—five brief discussion guides on various phases of U.N. Suitable as discussion starters or brief programs—35 cents. *What the United Nations Is Doing* Series includes the following titles: The Economic Commission for Europe, The Economic Commission for Latin America, The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, The Status of Women, For Better World Trade, World War on Tuberculosis, For Non-Self-Governing Territories, World Program of UNESCO, The Convention on Genocide—15 cents each. *World Against Want*—An excellent account of the technical assistance work through the U.N. Well illustrated. No. 1953-1-27—50 cents. *Protecting the Refugees*—No. 1953-1-35—15 cents. Above items available from Columbia University Press (International Documents Service), 2960 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

IV. Filmstrips

To Live Together as Good Neighbors—Outlines ways in which the U.N. is doing the work with which we as Christians are vitally concerned—feeding the hungry, healing the sick, comforting the stranger and prisoner, and securing for all the human dignity which befits the children of God. It also shows the way in which the church works with the U.N.—$4.00 with script. Running time: Approximately 15 minutes. Department of Christian Social Relations, Room 604, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. For other filmstrips write for catalogue to the U. N. Department of Public Information, United Nations Building, New York 17, N. Y.

V. Films

Write to U.N. Department of Public Information, U.N. Building, New York 17, N. Y., for catalogue.

VI. Music

Brotherhood—*Little Songs on Big Subjects*—Words and piano accompaniment—85 cents. Song sheets—$2.00 per hundred. Communications Materials Center, Columbia University Press, 413 W. 117th St., New York 27, N. Y. *Let's Sing, Let's Play, Let's Work Together*—O'Hara. Mixed voices and piano—20 cents. Carl Fisher, Inc., 62 Cooper Sq., New York, N. Y.

Music Around the World—*The Whole World Singing**—Songs of Praise and Work and Joy from Many Lands—Edith L. Thomas. Voice and piano—$1.50. *Singing America*—Zanzig. Mixed voices with piano—$2.50; mixed voices—40 cents. C. C. Birchard & Co., Boston, Mass. *Sing It Again*—Vocal. Single copy—20 cents, special rates for bulk orders; *Lift Every Voice*—25 cents, special rates for bulk orders. Both from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn.

United Nations Songs—*Little Songs About U.N.*—voice and piano—85 cents. Communications Materials Center, Columbia University Press, 413 W. 117th St., New York 27, N. Y. *United Nations on the March*—D. Shostakovich. Mixed voices and piano—20 cents. G. Shirmer, Inc., 3 E. 43rd St., New York. *Hymn for the Nations*—Josephine D. Dodge. Music from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony—C. C. Birchard & Co., 221 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

Sacred — *Cantate Domino* — World Student Christian Federation Hymnal. World Student Christian Federation, 257 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y.—$2.00. *Prayer for Peace**—Noreen D. Tatum—Reprints available.

VII. Posters

Set of ten posters in color covering various phases of U.N. and including several of the prize posters—$1.00. *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights*—four pictorial spreads, 30″ x 40″ in 3 colors, illustrating the 30 articles of the Declaration—50 cents. *Flags of Member Nations* — A poster showing in full colors the national flags of countries who are members of the U.N. 18½ x 14, 15 cents each. Lots of 10—10 cents each. *The World's Children*—UNICEF exhibit showing work of UNICEF. Eleven posters 13″ x 20″—$1.00. The above posters available from Sales and Circulation Section, Room 1049, Department of Public Information, U.N., New York. *Organization of the United Nations**—Lois Fisher. A cartoon diagram of the U.N.—15 cents.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWSLETTER

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

GUILD WOMAN OF THE MONTH

Edwards Studio

Mrs. George Turnley

MRS. GEORGE TURNLEY of Amarillo, Texas, newly elected Member at Large on the Guild Standing Committee is our honored member of the month. She is a member of the Polk Street Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas, where she was president of the Guild in 1941. She served as conference secretary from 1948 to 1952, is now secretary of a church-school class of 215 members, is chairman of Alcohol and Narcotics of the Texas State Council of Methodist Women, and is president of the board of the Wesley Community Center in Amarillo.

For the past eighteen years she has been in charge of the office work in the Turnley Realty Company in which she is the "company." On the side, she designs and makes lampshades to fill special orders.

For relaxation, she works in her rose garden and is a member of the American Rose Society.

About the Guild and her part in it she says,

"When I went to work I missed not being able to attend the meetings of the missionary society, but then came the Wesleyan Service Guild, of which I have been a member since 1941.

"No other organization has done so much to enrich my life and to deepen and widen my appreciation of those I daily meet. In the Guild I have found my best and most dependable friends. No finer spirit can be found than in a Guild Weekend, where Christian employed women can come together, not only for fun and fellowship, but for information and inspiration that will enable them to go back and enlist other women into this fuller life."

On the Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, her special responsibility will be in Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities. People who have known Lucile for years say that we are very fortunate to have her serving the Guild in this capacity.

ASSEMBLY GUILD WEEKEND

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN—May 28-30, 1954

Have you heard about the wonderful program planned for the Assembly Guild Weekend? The publicity went out long ago, and every local Guild should have had it. We shall arrive in Milwaukee on Friday afternoon to register, and to be entertained at a tea by the Wesleyan Service Guilds of Wisconsin and West Wisconsin Conferences. Miss Keith Ann Nelson and Miss Laurinda Hampton, conference secretaries, will be the hostesses. Among the speakers at the Weekend will be Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, Dr. Georgia Harkness, Dr. Helen Kim, Miss Dorothy McConnell, Mrs. Margaret Bender, Miss Theressa Hoover, and Miss Lillian Johnson. Mrs. George Dismukes, chairman of the Standing Committee, will preside. At the banquet on Saturday evening, at which Dr. Kim of Ewha Woman's University, Seoul, Korea, will be the speaker, Mrs. C. A. Meeker, editor of THE METHODIST WOMAN, will be the master of ceremonies, and members of the Woman's Division, the Standing Committee, and the Woman's Division Staff will be hostesses.

On Sunday morning there will be a Communion service, and in the afternoon there will be a dramatic presentation of the Guild emblem. Miss Theressa Hoover, field worker of the Woman's Division, who will have recently returned from a trip to India, will bring the closing message. In addition to all this, there will be opportunities for discussion, there will be displays on lines of work, literature and audio-visual aids, and you will have excellent opportunities to meet missionaries, deaconesses, and members of the staff of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. You will meet old friends and make new ones. If you have not registered, there still may be time if you will write immediately to your conference secretary for a registration blank.

WEAR YOUR GUILD PIN ON YOUR WAY TO THE ASSEMBLY GUILD WEEKEND

If you are coming by bus or train, your pin will enable you to make new friends among Guild members who also are on their way.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR MAY

"THE MIGHT OF MANY"

Submitted by* Miss Emma Dean Belcher, *West Virginia Conference

The program suggestions for May are based on Program B, page 109, Program Book.

Use this Pledge Service as suggested, with these additions:

1. Display the map, "A Trip With a Mission."* Price, 50 cents.

2. In connection with the talk on Sue Bennett College, mention Vashti Girls' School, which is one of the Guild Special Interests. Tell one or two interesting facts about it. (See *Handbook*, page 69.)

3. In the talk on Seward Sanatorium, speak about the Guild's part in building the Wesleyan Service Guild Nurses' Residence at Seward. Also, tell that we have one Guild in Anchorage, Alaska.

4. In the talk on the Lincoln Leadership Training School, also call attention to Aldersgate Camp.

5. If possible, pick a person who has visited the United Nations for the talk on "The United Nations in Action."

6. In place of the talk by the secretary of Missionary Education and Service, have the chairman of that committee in the Guild read excerpts of letters from the Special Interests of the Guild (available for postage from the Guild office, 150 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. Also, refer to past issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

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40 cents from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Make also available.

PRAYER

Our Father, we thank Thee that we are gathered here together. We know that in many ways we have failed in what we set out to do for Thee. But may we gain new inspiration and strength from this meeting. May we, in all humility, dedicate ourselves again to the task which Thou hast committed unto us. Keep our eyes on the high goals and our hearts in the work. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE PRAYER CALENDAR

By MRS. J. W. BUNCH

A missionary told me of a time when she had faced a very difficult situation in her work. There seemed to be a stone wall in front of her. She could not find a way around or over or under or through that wall. Then suddenly, one day, it seemed to melt away. She was sure someone was praying for her.

Dr. Frank Laubach says that prayer is the most powerful force in the hands of Christian people.

We have a *Prayer Calendar* in which are listed the names of all the commissioned workers, missionaries, and deaconesses who are serving in projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. We are asked to pray each day for those whose names we find in the calendar.

To help make these individuals seem real to us it is well to use the two *Do You Know* booklets, one telling about our workers in the foreign field and one telling about those in the home field. There are articles and stories about them in THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Often interesting accounts of their activities are to be found in the *Annual Report of the Woman's Division.*

The members of the Wesleyan Service Guild will find developing within them a great interest in individuals and their fields of service as they pray daily for some special worker. A double blessing will come, one to the Guild member and one to the worker on the field.

This *Prayer Calendar* can be secured for 40 cents from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

WHY I BELONG

By MRS. PAUL K. JACKSON, *Kimball, West Virginia*

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever:
Its loveliness increases;
It will never pass into nothingness."

How often this quotation comes to our minds when we view a morning sunrise, an evening sunset, or an inspiring painting; as we hear the song of birds, as we gaze upon God's green earth, or as we look across a vast expanse of water with its ripples and reflections of color! These are beauties that create joy and happiness in our hearts.

I should like to use the words "beauty" and "joy" in explaining why I am glad to be a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The word "Wesleyan" was derived from the name of John Wesley, the founder of The Methodist Church. The word itself is beautiful, and our joy is increased as we turn our minds and thoughts back to the time when John Wesley lived and strove to establish in the hearts of men a love of God that would be permanent and everlasting. So The Methodist Church has stood the test of time and has become a great church. "Its loveliness increases" as time goes on.

The word "Service" means helpful acts, an act, aid, conduct that is useful to others. How well that word fits the Wesleyan Service Guild! This organization is known to all by the service it renders to benefit others. Unselfishly its members work for the good of their fellow men. There is no job too difficult for this organization to tackle, and it is usually successful in its undertakings. There is beauty in service, and joy to be obtained by doing good to others.

"Guild" is a word that means "a society for mutual aid or for some common purpose." The members of the society known as the Wesleyan Service Guild are women who have positions and professions in various walks of life. They are banded together for a definite purpose—that of serving God and their

church, bringing aid and comfort to those in need, and serving God in any way they find open.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is a joy to its members, for to them service means beauty. There is love in this organization, and "Where love is, there God is also." I believe this society will exist as long as our earth shall stand; its loveliness will increase because its service will increase; and it will never cease to spread its beauty through service and devotion to God, the church, and humanity.

The lines quoted at the beginning certainly apply to the Wesleyan Service Guild. That is why I am glad to be a member of such a noble organization.

Weekend Trips

Now that spring is at hand, why not plan a Guild Weekend trip? Make it real soon, so that it will not interfere with your plans for attending the Assembly Guild Weekend in Milwaukee, May 28 to 30.

Most of you have Woman's Division projects close enough, so that you can visit some of them within a weekend trip. This letter came from an enthusiastic Guild Weekend tourist:

Dear Miss Johnson:

Perhaps I told you of a proposed weekend trip to Cincinnati which the Guilds in Mansfield District were planning. I am happy to report that our plans materialized last month, and a most successful and enjoyable pilgrimage to Mothers' Memorial Center and other points of interest is now a vivid and lasting memory. No doubt you will be hearing about it officially from others, but I was so thrilled with the whole thing that I could not resist giving you *my* version of it also.

There were twenty-six of us, representing eight out of nineteen Guilds, plus one guest, Josephine Laskey, our conference secretary. Audrey Wright of the Standing Committee was one of our group, and to her I owe a sincere vote of thanks for her capable assistance in making and carrying out plans.

We chartered a comfortable bus owned by a local man. Although we were delayed unavoidably in starting at the appointed hour of 6:00 o'clock, Saturday morning, we arrived at Literature Headquarters at 11:00 o'clock. Mrs. Long was our very gracious hostess and took us on a tour of the building. This was a most enjoyable as well as informative experience, and we became aware of the reason why we are asked to allow time for deliveries, as we got some idea of the vast amount of mail that is handled each day.

After lunch we proceeded to Mothers' Memorial Center. A group of the children were awaiting our arrival, all dressed in their Sunday best. They presented a brief program of Negro spirituals and showed us through the building. Miss Lucile Holliday told about her work at the center and the need of constant financial support for equipment. I feel certain that this personal contact with one of the Guild's own Special Interests will go far in stimulating enthusiasm and increasing our giving.

Late in the afternoon we checked in at the Netherland Plaza Hotel and refreshed ourselves to return to Friendship Home, next door to the center, for dinner. We were much impressed by the homelike atmosphere which was evident in this project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and knew after meeting the superintendent, Mrs. Willa F. Stewart, that it was created to a large degree by her motherliness. She, with the girls in the absence of the cook, prepared and served a most delectable dinner. Later, while we sat informally in the large living room, Mrs. Stewart told us of her work with these young Negro girls who seek just such security as Friendship Home has to offer, and she related many experiences with them, proving that she takes them right into her heart.

That evening was left open for the Guilders to do as they wished. Sunday was another beautiful, sunny day and we drove to Westwood Methodist Church, where we experienced another high spot in our weekend. Sunday school was still in session, making it possible for departmental observation by those who were interested. All of us enjoyed an inspiring hour of worship. We were greatly pleased when our bus driver joined us and sat with all of those women!

Following the service Mrs. Long again acted as our guide, and showed us through the fine, modern educational building of Westwood Church.

From this point we drove to Lebanon where we had reservations for dinner at the famous Golden Lamb Inn.

The last lap of our journey began there. Some of our passengers disembarked at Cardington, at Mt. Gilead, and at Lexington, the remaining ones arriving in Mansfield about 8:00 o'clock. All in all, everything including the weather had cooperated to make it an unforgettable experience.

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH BURNESON

More recently three bus loads of Guild members from Philadelphia Conference, with their conference secretary, Mrs. Robert L. Kerr, went to New York City for a trip to the United Nations headquarters. Miss Ruth Harris made the arrangements and conducted the group personally, escorting them to a famous Chinese restaurant for lunch. Mrs. Margaret Bender of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities gave a briefing, and Miss Johnson greeted the group.

The Guild office will be glad to give suggestions as to trips you can take in your vicinity. We would like reports of these trips also.

Summer School Opportunities

Listed by MISS ELIZABETH STINSON, *Secretary of Missionary Education*

Jurisdiction Schools of Missions and Christian Service, 1954

CENTRAL JURISDICTION, Gulfside Assembly, Waveland, Mississippi June 14-20
Dean:
Chairman: MRS. M. M. DRAKE, 1032 Second Ave., S., Nashville, Tennessee.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois June 7-12
Dean and Chairman: MRS. H. M. BAKER, 3433 Secor Road, Toledo 6, Ohio.

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION, Goucher College, Towson, Maryland June 16-23
Dean and Chairman: MRS. PAUL G. MASTERS, Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas June 29-July 6
Dean: DR. CAUTIOUS A. CHOATE, 203 Derby Building, Wichita, Kansas.
Chairman: MRS. VIRGIL NEELY, 2248 N. W. 19th, Oklahoma City 7, Oklahoma.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina June 6-14
Dean: MRS. HERBERT WEAVER, 3718 Brighton Road, Nashville, Tennessee.
Chairman: MRS. L. L. JACKSON, 1413 Cleburne Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

WESTERN JURISDICTION, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah June 23-29
Dean and Chairman: MRS. F. R. SANDERS, 5825 S. E. 44th Avenue, Portland 6, Oregon.

Conference Schools and Institutes

CENTRAL JURISDICTION

CENTRAL ALABAMA—Daniel Payne College, 6415 Washington Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama July 19-24
Dean: Mrs. L. M. Leeth, 631 Vine Street, Decatur, Alabama.
Chairman: MRS. F. W. TURNER, 309 8th Avenue, W., Birmingham 4, Alabama.

CENTRAL WEST—St. Andrews Methodist Church, 24th and Troast, Kansas City, Missouri July 12-16
Dean: MRS. FRANCES N. GRANT, 4145 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.
Chairman: MRS. C. C. REYNOLDS, 4524 Cottage Avenue, St. Louis 13, Missouri.

DELAWARE—Maryland State College, Princess Anne, Maryland July 18-24
Dean: MRS. CARRIE W. HENRY, 1311 Tatnall Street, Wilmington 1, Delaware.
Chairman: MRS. THOMAS A. ANDERSON, 168-10 104th Avenue, Jamaica 33, New York.

EAST TENNESSEE—Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee June 14-18
Dean: MRS. W. M. CRAWFORD, 420 Goodson Street, Morristown, Tennessee.
Chairman: MRS. M. G. BOYD, Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee.

FLORIDA—Boylan-Haven School, Jacksonville, Florida June 7-12
Dean: MRS. M. C. CAVE, 1504 Madison Street, Jacksonville, Florida.
Chairman: MRS. B. C. EMANUEL, 1718 Davis Street, Jacksonville 4, Florida.

GEORGIA—Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia August 16-20
Dean: MISS SUSIE M. CUNNINGHAM, 396 Edwards Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.
Chairman: MRS. HARRY V. RICHARDSON, Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

LEXINGTON—Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky July 19-24
Dean: MRS. R. LUCILLE PORTER, 4162 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, 10, Michigan.
Chairman: MRS. S. B. LESTER, 3128 North Harding Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

NORTH CAROLINA—Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina July 2-7
Dean: MISS ISABELLE R. JONES, 340 College St., Asheville, North Carolina.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Mather Academy, Camden, South Carolina June 27-July 2
Dean: REV. H. V. MANNING, 59 Nassau Street, Charleston, South Carolina.
Chairman: MRS. G. C. BROWN, Route 1, Box 265, John's Island, South Carolina.

SOUTHWEST—Camp Aldersgate, Little Rock, Arkansas August 2-6
Dean: MRS. HAMMOND SMITH, 2301 North 31st Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
Chairman: MRS. S. P. JONES, 3019 State Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

TENNESSEE—A and I State College, Nashville, Tennessee July 19-24
Dean: REV. J. C. JOHNSON, 1109 First Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee.
Chairman: MRS. E. C. SANDERS, 904 Silvidene Place, E., Nashville, Tennessee.

TEXAS—Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. July 11-16
Dean: MRS. M. J. DAVIS, 3024 Tuam Street, Houston, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. L. M. CARTER, 6023 West Montgomery Road, Houston, Texas.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI—
Chairman: MRS. ELIZABETH COOPERWOOD, Box 577, Aberdeen, Mississippi.

WASHINGTON—Storer College, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia July 26-31
Dean: MRS. ESTELLE J. EVANS, 302 Shred Street, Falls Church, Virginia.
Chairman: MRS: KATHRYN M. DOTSON, Westminster, Maryland.

WEST TEXAS—Huston-Tillotson College (Eliza Dee Hall), Austin, Texas July 19-23
Dean: MRS. M. M. LOUD, 2615½ Hibernia Street, Dallas, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. L. E. MOORE, 1915 East 12th Street, Austin, Texas.

NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

DETROIT—Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan June 21-25
Dean: MRS. EARL DOUGLAS, Cass City, Michigan.
Chairman: MRS. C. KIRK RAE, 937 East 7th Street, Flint, Michigan.

ILLINOIS—Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois June 21-25
Dean: MRS. A. B. APPLEBEE, Applebee Farms, Jacksonville, Illinois.
Chairman: MRS. C. D. LAWSON, 903 South College Avenue, Aledo, Illinois.

INDIANA—Bishop Roberts Park, Riveryale, Mitchell, Indiana July 4-9
Dean: MRS. ROY PRIEST, Route 5, Box 306, Evansville, Indiana.
Chairman: MRS. WILLIAM M. HIGGS, Route 1, Brookville, Indiana.

IOWA-DES MOINES—Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa July 12-16
Dean and Chairman: MRS. RALPH McGEE, 400 West Cass, Osceola, Iowa.

MICHIGAN—
Albion Institute—Albion, Michigan June 22-25
Dean:
Chairman: MRS. F. L. BULL, 65 South State St., Sparta, Michigan.

Bay View Institute—Bay View, Michigan June 28-July 1
Dean: MRS. CLARK H. PHILLIPS, 304 Maple Street, Big Rapids, Michigan.

MINNESOTA—Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota June 21-25
Dean: MRS. A. T. HENRICI, 130 Arthur Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.
Chairman: MRS. A. W. PETERSON, Park Rapids, Minnesota.

NORTH DAKOTA—Wesley College, Grand Forks, North Dakota July 12-15
Director: MRS. J. H. PANNEBAKER, 905 North 13th Street, Fargo, North Dakota.
Chairman: MRS. OTTO S. STEELE, SR., 410 Hamline Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

NORTH-EAST OHIO
Bethesda School—Epworth Park, Bethesda, Ohio August 8-12
Dean: MRS. JAY M. SPIKER, Scio, Ohio.
Chairman: MRS. MILTON H. BEEMAN, 10 Belmont Avenue, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Lakeside School—Lakeside, Ohio July 18-23
Dean: MRS. HARVEY F. BRANDT, Pioneer Trail, Aurora, Ohio.
Chairman: MRS. MILTON H. BEEMAN, 10 Belmont Avenue, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

NORTH INDIANA—Epworth Forest Assembly, Lake Webster, North Webster, Indiana June 20-26
Dean and Chairman: MRS. G. WALTER LANGOHR, 308 East Van Buren Street, Columbia City, Indiana.

NORTH IOWA—Clear Lake, Iowa June 21-25
Dean and Chairman: MRS. FRANK O. JOHNSON, Box 466, Humboldt, Iowa.

NORTHWEST INDIANA—Battle Ground, Indiana July 18-24
Dean and Chairman: MRS. STANLEY ROLSTON, Morocco, Indiana.

OHIO—
Lakeside School—Lakeside, Ohio July 25-30
Dean: MRS. FRANK McCALL, Mt. Victory, Ohio.
Chairman: MRS. VAUGHN H. SIMONS, 3047 Griest Avenue, Cincinnati 8, Ohio.

Lancaster School—Camp Grounds, Lancaster, Ohio July 18-23
Dean: MRS. C. R. WILLIS, 141 East Pacemont Road, Columbus 2, Ohio
Chairman: MRS. VAUGHN H. SIMONS, 3047 Griest Avenue, Cincinnati 8, Ohio.

Sabina School—Sabina, Ohio July 11-16
Dean: MRS. HAROLD SCHEELE, 1424 Covedale Avenue, Cincinnati 38, Ohio.
Chairman: MRS. VAUGHN H. SIMONS, 3047 Griest Avenue, Cincinnati 8, Ohio.

ROCK RIVER—Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois June 28-July 2
Dean: MRS. EDMUND D. SOPER, 1202 Maple Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.
Chairman: MRS. C. CLIFFORD CUMMINGS, 168 South Commonwealth Avenue, Elgin, Illinois.

SOUTH DAKOTA—
Lake Poinsett Institute—Lake Poinsett Methodist Camp, Arlington, South Dakota July 6-9
Dean and Chairman: MRS. L. C. ARCHER, 921 South 10th Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Pactola Institute—Pactola Methodist Camp, Pactola, South Dakota July 20-23
Dean: MRS. ALVIN RAU, 1123 11th St., Rapid City, South Dakota.
Chairman: Mrs. L. C. ARCHER, 921 South 10th Ave., Sioux Falls. South Dakota.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS—McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois July 26-30
Dean: MRS. S. W. MITCHELL, 14 Glenview Drive, Belleville, Illinois.
Chairman: MRS. C. J. JACOBY, Fairmount Addition, Alton, Illinois.

WEST WISCONSIN—Frontenac, Minnesota.
Chairman: MRS. D. W. IRISH, 108 East Pleasant Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

WISCONSIN—Wayland Academy, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin July 19-23
Dean: MRS. W. C. LUCAS, 4855 North 24th Place, Milwaukee 9, Wisconsin.
Chairman: MRS. CARSTEN PAULSON, 708 Belmont Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin.

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

BALTIMORE—Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland ..... July 25-30
Dean and Chairman: MRS. L. E. HARRELL, 4205 Tuckerman Street, Hyattsville, Maryland.

CENTRAL NEW YORK—Keuka Fellowship, Keuka Park, New York ..... July 27-30
Dean: MRS. FLOYD GUILES, 242 North Hoopes Avenue, Auburn, New York.
Chairman: MRS. LEON ADKINS, 465 Allen Street, Syracuse 10, New York.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA—Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania ..... July 4-9
Dean: MRS. L. ODER BURKET, 700 Walnut Street, Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania.
Chairman: MRS. PAUL C. WEBB, 220 West 4th Street, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

ERIE—Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania ..... July 18-24
Dean and Chairman: MRS. ROY GRANDY, 50 Third Street, Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

GENESEE—Camp Wesleyan, Silver Lake, New York ..... July 11-14
Dean: MRS. ARTHUR S. WRIGHT, 794 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo 11, New York.

MAINE—Methodist Conference Camp, Winthrop, Maine ..... July 18-24
Dean: MRS. GERALD L. KINNEY, 231 French Street, Bangor, Maine.
Chairman: MRS. G. DUNCAN MOORES, 23 Western Avenue, Augusta, Maine.

NEWARK—Centenary Junior College, Hackettstown, New Jersey ..... June 25-29
Dean: MRS. CLIFFORD CLAY, Free Acres, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.
Chairman: MRS. GEORGE K. HEARN, 35 Hawthorne St., Rutherford, New Jersey.

NEW ENGLAND—Conference Center, Rolling Ridge, North Andover, Massachusetts ..... September 13-17
Dean and Chairman: MRS. EBERT A. HOLT, 20 Washington Place, Malden 48, Massachusetts.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN—Camp Aldersgate, North Scituate, Rhode Island ..... August 16-22
Dean: MRS. HOWARD BOYDEN, 29 Cedar Street, Taunton, Massachusetts.
Chairman: MRS. HARRY H. CHASE, 19 Kilton Street, Taunton, Massachusetts.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Sentinel Lodge, Tuftonboro, New Hampshire ..... July 18-24
Dean: MRS. ROLAND CARR, Ossipee, New Hampshire.
Chairman: MRS. HOWARD W. KNIGHT, 11 Gray Street, Nashua, New Hampshire.

NEW JERSEY—Pennington Boys' School, Pennington, New Jersey ..... July 19-23
Dean: MRS. A. C. BRADY, 433 Kings Highway, Swedesboro, New Jersey.

NEW YORK—Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, New York ..... July 6-9
Dean: MRS. L. GERALD KING, 79 Pine Street, Deposit, New York.
Chairman: MRS. ALAN W. HOLLENBECK, Central Valley, New York.

NEW YORK EAST—Methodist Training Center, Shelter Island Heights, Shelter Island, New York ..... July 12-19
Dean: MRS. ORVILLE W. HAWES, 135 Hobart Street, New Haven, Connecticut.
Chairman: MRS. CHARLES H. COKER, 213 South Street, Oyster Bay, L. I., New York.

NORTHERN NEW YORK—Camp Aldersgate, Brantingham, New York ..... July 26-30
Dean: MRS. PAUL ROY, 1531 Kemble Street, Utica, New York.
Chairman: MRS. JOHN W. WARREN, 269 Flower Avenue, West, Watertown, New York.

PENINSULA—Wesley Junior College, Dover, Delaware ..... July 12-16
Dean and Chairman: MRS. HARRY B. HYGATE, 729 Nottingham Road, Wilmington 5, Delaware.

PHILADELPHIA—Pocono Plateau, Star Route, Cresco, Pennsylvania ..... July 10-17
Dean: MRS. JOHN H. BARNES, JR., 316 South York Road, Hatboro, Pennsylvania.
Chairman: MRS. PHILIP C. HERR, 504 South Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH—Jumonville Star Route, Uniontown, Pennsylvania ..... July 18-25
Dean: MRS. J. MARVIN KINZER, 716 Broad Street, Sewickley, Pennsylvania.
Chairman: MRS. JOSIAH OSMOND, 415 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, Pennsylvania.

TROY—Green Mountain Junior College, Poultney, Vermont ..... July 22-25
Dean: MRS. DANIEL BROX, 71 Grant Avenue, Glens Falls, New York.
Chairman: MRS. J. H. STEINKRAUS, Box 883, Newtonville, New York.

WEST VIRGINIA—West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia ..... July 12-17
Dean: REV. ROSS EVANS, Spencer, West Virginia.
Chairman: REV. ALFRED WALLACE, 511 Fifth Street, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

WYOMING—Keystone Junior College, La Plume, Pennsylvania.
Dean: MRS. WILLIAM E. NEWHART, 19 Slocum Street, Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania.
Chairman: MRS. WILTON J. DUBRICK, 3112 Kensington Road, Endwell, New York.

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

CENTRAL KANSAS—Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas ..... August 1-6
Dean: REV. CAUTIOUS A. CHOATE, 203 Derby Building, Wichita, Kansas.
Chairman: MRS. CHARLES FORD, 224 South Springfield, Anthony, Kansas.

CENTRAL TEXAS—Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas ..... July 26-30
Dean: MRS. VIRGIL CHAFFIN, 301 West Highland, Comanche, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. J. VIRGIL JAMES, 908 East Ross, Hamilton, Texas.

EAST OKLAHOMA—Camp Egan, Tahlequah, Oklahoma ..... July 19-23
Dean: MRS. ARTHUR HEWETT, 1615 West Main, Durant, Oklahoma.
Chairman: MRS. JOE BARHAM, Antlers, Oklahoma.

KANSAS—Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas ..... July 12-16
Dean: REV. J. JOYCE WILSON, Baldwin, Kansas.
Chairman: MRS. H. B. LATIMER, 820 Missouri Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

LITTLE ROCK—Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Arkansas ..... July 19-23
Dean: MRS. EARL COTTON, 2023 Schiller, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Chairman: MRS. M. E. SCOTT, 841 Quapaw, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

LOUISIANA—Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisianna ..... August 23-27
Chairman: MRS. WARREN CONSTANT, 405 Lake Street, Bunkie, Louisiana.

MISSOURI AREA (St. Louis and Missouri)—Central College, Fayette, Missouri ..... July 12-16
Dean: MRS. J. C. DAVIS, 1065 Wall Street, St. Louis, Missouri.
Chairman: MRS. C. G. KANE, 7469 Stanford Avenue, University City, Missouri.

NEBRASKA—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska ..... August 23-27
Dean: MRS. CLYDE BURGE, 1818 Lincoln Blvd., Beatrice, Nebraska.
Chairman:

NEW MEXICO—Sacramento Methodist Assembly, Sacramento, New Mexico.
Dean: REV. BRYAN HALL, 807 North Mesa, El Paso, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. M. L. NORRIS, 1201 Sheldon, Clovis, New Mexico.

NORTH ARKANSAS—Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas ..... July 12-15
Dean: MRS. H. H. BUMPERS, Conway, Arkansas.
Chairman: MISS MILDRED OSMENT, Box 105, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

NORTH TEXAS—Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas ..... July 19-24
Dean: MRS. F. A. RAY, Route 1, Denton, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. CLAUDE McKINNEY, Van Alstyne, Texas.

NORTHWEST TEXAS—Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas ..... July 26-30
Dean: MRS. E. T. PITTARD, 1131 19th Street, Anson, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. G. R. BENNETT, 1632 Sayles Boulevard, Abilene, Texas.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI—National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Missouri ..... July 26-30
Dean: Dr. Lewis Carpenter.
Chairman: MRS. H. H. KITE, 6109 Charlotte, Kansas City, Missouri.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS—Mount Wesley, Kerrville, Texas ..... August 16-20
Dean: REV. DONALD E. REDMOND, 535 Bondera Road, San Antonio, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. R. O. WHITE, Box 273, Rankin, Texas.

TEXAS—Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Route 5, Palestine, Texas ..... July 19-23
Dean: REV. DURWOOD FLEMING, 3350 Westheimer, Houston 6, Texas.
Chairman: MRS. HARMON LOWMAN, 1737 Avenue J., Huntsville, Texas.

WEST OKLAHOMA—Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma ..... July 19-23
Dean: MRS. EARL FOSTER, 825 N. W. 41st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Chairman: MRS. W. E. ROCKENBACH, 806 North 8th Street, Duncan, Oklahoma.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

ALABAMA—Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama ..... July 26-30
Dean: MRS. SAM CASEY, Elba, Alabama.
Chairman: MRS. C. H. SHERRER, 722 North 65th Avenue, Pensacola, Florida.

FLORIDA—Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida ..... August 2-6
Dean: MRS. R. E. RUTLAND, 2226 N. W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida.
Chairman: MRS. C. D. WILLIAMS, Route 2, Box 146, Starke, Florida.

HOLSTON—Sullins College, Bristol, Virginia ..... August 23-27
Dean: MRS. ROBERT WILCOX, P. O. Box 6082, Knoxville, Tennessee.
Chairman: MRS. W. D. ADDINGTON, Sunset View, Maryville, Tennessee.

KENTUCKY—Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky ..... August 9-13
Dean: MISS NANCY M. CAWOOD, 112 French Avenue, Winchester, Kentucky.
Chairman: MRS. W. B. OWSLEY, Rural Route 1, Morehead, Kentucky.

LINCOLN LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL (in cooperation with Central Jurisdiction)—Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky ..... June 27-July 2
Dean: MRS. G. W. HUMMEL, 105 North Seminary, Madisonville, Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE—Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, Kentucky ..... August 2-6
Dean: MRS. LANDER J. CHISHOLM, Earlington, Kentucky.
Chairman: MISS FERN STOKES, 111 South McEwen Avenue, Earlington, Kentucky.

MEMPHIS—Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee ..... August 16-20
Dean: MRS. BOB O. CLARK, 130 Maple Street, Jackson, Tennessee.
Chairman: MRS. E. V. UNDERHILL, Covington, Tennessee.

MISSISSIPPI—Methodist Seashore Assembly Grounds, Biloxi, Mississippi ..... August 2-6
Dean: MRS. R. R. PRIDDY, 308 Keener Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi.
Chairman: MRS. M. W. KIRKPATRICK, 113 Patton Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

NORTH ALABAMA—Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama ..... August 30-September 3
Dean: MRS. FRANK HORNSBY, Roanoke, Alabama.
Chairman: MRS. R. M. HOWELL, 601 Seventh Street, West, Birmingham 4, Alabama.

NORTH CAROLINA—Duke University, Durham, North Carolina ..... August 23-27
Dean: MRS. GURNEY P. HOOD, 911 West Johnson Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.
Chairman: MRS. N. P. EDENS, Parkton, North Carolina.

NORTH GEORGIA—Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia ..... August 23-27
Dean and Chairman: MRS. GEORGE W. LONGINO, 1155 Cahaba Dr., S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI—Stephens Methodist Camp, Oxford, Mississippi ..... August 16-20
Dean and Chairman: MRS. A. N. WILLIAMSON, 306 High Street, Greenwood, Mississippi.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina ..... August 16-20
Dean: MRS. L. A. HARTZOG, Olar, South Carolina.
Chairman: MRS. R. L. HOLROYD, Box 17, Chester, South Carolina.

SOUTH GEORGIA—Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia ..... August 30-September 3

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STUDENT WORK

DOROTHY NYLAND, *Secretary*

INTERNATIONAL TEA AT METHODIST STUDENT CONFERENCE

By MARGARET LILLY

A CHALLENGE to Christian service and to the reality of World Christian Community was brought into focus as 400 persons crowded into the Fireside Room in Kansas University's attractive and modernistic Union Building to honor the missionaries and international students. The tea was sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service at the Methodist Student Conference at Lawrence, Kansas. Eighty-five students from other lands met their missionary friends and students from colleges and universities all over the United States.

Mrs. Clayton Pittman, Student Secretary for Kansas Conference Woman's Society, was introduced by Miss Dorothy Nyland, secretary of Student Work, Woman's Division. Miss Nyland reported that Mrs. Pittman's church in Kansas City received a check from a leper colony in Kambini, Portugese East Africa, during the Kansas flood of 1952. The lepers had heard about the flood and wished to help. At first they said they would pray for the flood sufferers since they had no money to give. Then one of the lepers suggested that they could do without two meals and send the money to the emergency flood relief fund. Mrs. Pittman explained that their church had not been interested in missionary work before, but since receiving the check from the Christian lepers in Africa they have gained a world perspective.

Mrs. Pittman talked on "Why Bother?" a leaflet in the student conference packet, encouraging the students to see that every local church has a secretary of Student Work.

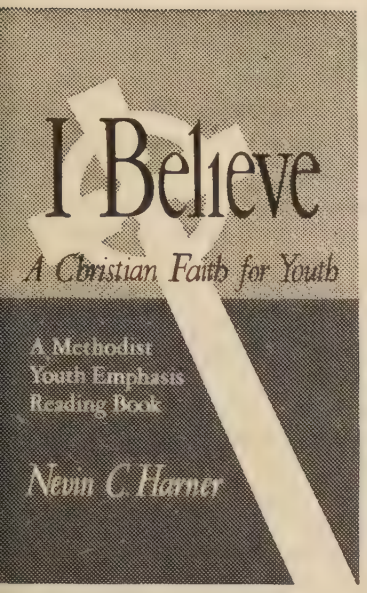
These persons from the student department staffs of the Board of Education and the Board of Missions were introduced: H. D. Bollinger, Harvey C. Brown, Roger Ortmayer, Richard Bender, Claude Singleton, and Dorothy Nyland. There were many missionaries in attendance and each was presented to the group by Mrs. T. Otto Nall, a member of the Standing Committee on Student Work for the Woman's Division. All international students were introduced according to countries from whence they came. There were about eighty-five of them from over thirty different countries.

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, sent her greetings. The secretaries of Missionary Personnel, Mr. M. O. Williams, Miss Marguerite Twinem, and Miss Alpharetta Leeper, were presented.

The international students entertained the group with music from their native lands. John Havea of the Tonga Islands sang a solo, accompanying himself on the guitar; Vasantika Amolik gave an Indian dance of lights, carrying lighted candles. The program included a Japanese folk song by Kazuo Chujo and Ritsuko Omura; a violin solo by Wong Lai Yuen of Malaya; a Brazilian folk song by Belkiss Pereira; and flute solo by Carlton Ram of India. Bishop Newell S. Booth challenged the whole group with a worshipful African folk tale. The entire audience joined in singing "In Christ There Is No East or West," and the inspirational hour was concluded as Mr. Peter Shaumba of Africa, wearing lion's teeth as a necktie, prayed the Lord's Prayer in his native dialect.

Pouring at the tea table were Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Student Secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Mrs. Frank Butterworth, Student Secretary of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, assisted by Mrs. J. J. Woodburn, Student Secretary of Ohio Conference; Mrs. Otis E. Kirby, Student Secretary of North Alabama Conference; and Mrs. L. E. Shackleford, Student Secretary of East Oklahoma Conference. Members of the Kappa Phi Club assisted with the serving of refreshments. The motif of "The Golden Cord Closebinding All Mankind" was carried out in a lovely centerpiece on the tea table with a world surrounded by dolls of many countries.

International Tea at the Lawrence Student Conference. Pouring are Mrs. O. D. Thomas, Southeastern Jurisdiction Secretary of Student Work, and Mrs. Frank Butterworth, Southern California-Arizona Conference Secretary of Student Work. Standing at left: Mrs. Edwin Price, wife of the director of the Wesley Foundation at Lawrence



YOUTH WORK

HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

They Met to Plan

EACH year the six jurisdiction secretaries of Youth Work meet with selected members f the Woman's Division of Chris-ian Service and staff members en-aged in the unified program of nissionary education of youth in a tanding committee meeting. Once n four years the meeting is held at he time of the annual meeting of he Woman's Division. That meet-ng has just closed and the items n this page are highlights from the iscussion.

The group devoted a long period f time to a fine discussion on the outh Emphasis. Secretaries of outh Work are urging youth and eaders to participate in the Read-ng Project for the 1954 Lenten eason. Suggestions were given for ome activities which may be in-luded in the action project in the all of 1955 that will deal with the oncerns included in Christian Out-each. It is hoped that the secre-ary of Youth Work in the local hurch, district, conference, and risdiction may participate in the pecial training opportunities for dult workers with youth. (Details oncerning these meetings for adult orkers will go to the conference ecretaries of Youth Work when ore definite information is avail-ble.)

It is encouraging to know the ublications that will be used in the 954 study of "The City" and "India, Pakistan and Ceylon" will be ready for summer conferences. The books, pamphlets, leaders' guides, films, filmstrips, and maps will provide many resources. The program material for the World Friendship Group of Girls, related to these themes, will be called *Crowds and Faces.*

The Methodist Youth Fund received due consideration. The Woman's Society will encourage members of the MYF in their giving to the MYFund as they share leaflets, letters from missionaries, and other resources giving information about the work which is being carried on in projects related to the MYFund.

Reports from the jurisdiction secretaries indicate that the Program Area plan is well accepted as the pattern for the MYF. The discussion in this meeting was related specifically to the program area of Christian Outreach because the relationship of the Woman's Society to the MYF is through the unified program for missionary education of youth. It is not possible to give complete reports in this limited space, so we are sharing with you some of the most interesting items from the reports given by the jurisdiction secretaries of Youth Work.

. . . A great deal of interest was shown at the jurisdiction School of Missions and Christian Service this summer in planned tours to missionary projects. The women from Central Kansas Conference showed slides and explained details of the missionary education tours which their conference has conducted for the past four years. The conference director of Youth Work and the conference secretary of Youth Work are co-workers on the committee and for the tour. These tours, planned on a large scale, cover a number of states in their itinerary, allowing the group to visit many missionary projects. Some conferences are starting with less ambitious plans, even by visiting missionary institutions within the annual conference.

. . . For the first time in the history of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly grounds, Negro youth were included as official MYF delegates. It happened this summer in the jurisdiction MYF workshop. Years of careful planning on the part of youth and adult leaders made this dream a reality. Twenty-two Negroes (18 youth, 2 adult workers with youth and 2 staff members) shared in the fellowship and training experiences of those days. This cooperation is being carried over into plans for the coming year; of nine elected youth members on the new planning committee there are two Negroes, one Spanish-American representative, and one youth from the Indian Mission Conference. We are grateful to these young people who have taken this significant forward step toward the implementation of the Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division.

. . . The emphasis on youth has already indicated more interest and participation on the part of adult leaders.

. . . One secretary stated: The emphasis on youth during this quadrennium was a forward step, and it is my honest conviction that the response of youth to this challenge is now constituting a direct challenge to the church as a whole. Methodist youth, by virtue of this cultivation, are showing heightened interest, a sense of responsibility, and a great missionary spirit.

Although reports and a review of activities naturally consume time in such a meeting, more time was given to looking ahead and planning for the future. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is one of the groups within the church supporting the plans for the emphasis on youth. Secretaries of Youth Work are cooperating with other adult leaders as they seek together to help the youth of this generation "discover the will of God and live by it."

CHILDREN'S WORK

By RUBY VAN HOOSER, *Secretary*

Recommendations Adopted

The following recommendations of the Standing Committee on Children's Work were approved by the Woman's Division of Christian Service at its annual meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, January, 1954. The attention of officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service on conference, district, and local levels is called to these recommendations, with the request that they be put into definite action and become a part of the ongoing program of the Societies during the current year.

Recommendations

In view of the fact that reports indicate that one-third of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service do not have a secretary of Children's Work at the present time, and in view of the opportunities for service that face children's workers today,

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That a qualified secretary of Children's Work be elected as soon as possible by every Woman's Society of Christian Service.

We wish to express appreciation to the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service who have presented the current missionary materials for children as a part of the total program of missionary education.

WE RECOMMEND:

2. That this service be continued, and that the children's missionary materials be presented by the jurisdiction and conference secretaries of Missionary Education and Service at jurisdiction and conference schools, and at all educational seminars.

We are grateful that the conference secretaries of Children's Work will attend the Jurisdiction Schools of Missions and Christian Service in the summer of 1954.

WE RECOMMEND:

3. That the results of this opportunity for training be shared by the conference secretaries with district and local secretaries of Children's Work as quickly as occasion may permit.

In view of the need of specific help in preparation for the teaching of missionary units as they occur in the ongoing program of the church school,

WE RECOMMEND:

4. That district secretaries of Children's Work cooperate in the plans for any fall institutes of missionary education of children that may be held.

WE RECOMMEND:

5. (a) That secretaries of Children's Work keep informed about current issues related to the welfare of children such as: juvenile delinquency; the needs of children in expanding areas of population, in public education, and in the work of the United Nations.

WE RECOMMEND FURTHER:

(b) That secretaries of Children's Work cooperate in plans for action recommended by the Woman's Division of Christian Service through the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

We call the attention of secretaries of Children's Work to the National Conference on Family Life of The Methodist Church meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 8-10, 1954.

WE RECOMMEND:

6. That children's secretaries cooperate in the promotion and plans for the follow-up of the conference according to the policies developed by the Woman's Division.

SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES (*Continued from page 35*)

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TENNESSEE—Methodist Assembly Grounds, Beersheba Springs, Tennessee.....August 2-6
Dean: MRS. J. B. SHAPARD, Tullahoma, Tennessee.
Chairman: MRS. F. A. CALHOUN, Box 326, Route 4, Columbia, Tennessee.

VIRGINIA—Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia August 16-20
Dean: MRS. R. G. PULLEN, 512 Windsor Street, Lawrenceville, Virginia.
Chairman: MRS. A. P. PETTYJOHN, 207 Federal Street, Lynchburg, Virginia.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA—Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina.....August 29-September 3
Dean: MRS. JOHN HOYLE, JR., 1505 Glenwood Avenue, Greensboro, North Carolina.
Chairman. MRS. H. G. ALLEN, 463 South Main Street, High Point, North Carolina.

WESTERN JURISDICTION

ALASKA MISSION—Juneau, Alaska.....May 17-19
Dean: MRS. WILLIAM KERNS, Box 1152, Douglas, Alaska.
Chairman: MRS. JOHN ANGETSINGER, 903 "b" Street, Juneau, Alaska.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA—College of the Pacific, Stockton, California August 16-20
Dean: MRS. T. F. BAUN, 324 Prinecton Avenue, Fresno, California.
Chairman: MRS. CLARK NEWTON, 2054 Central Avenue, Alameda, California.

COLORADO—Pinecrest Institute, Palmer Lake, Colorado.....June 30-July 2
Dean: MRS. OSCAR W. LOW, 748 South Ogden Street, Denver 9, Colorado.
Chairman: MRS. GEORGE E. BERRY, 1946 9th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado.

WESTERN SLOPE AREA—
Chairman: MRS. GEORGE E. BERRY, 1946 9th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado.

IDAHO—College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho.....July 6-1
Dean: MRS. W. A. MacARTHUR, Box 282, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Chairman: MRS. HENRY L. HAINES, 456 8th Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

MONTANA—Glacier Institute Camp, Rollins, Montana.....July 26-3
Dean: MISS HELEN KITT, 913 Breckenridge, Helena, Montana.
Chairman: MRS. VERNON E. LEWIS, Fort Benton, Montana.

OREGON—Camp Magruder, Barview, Oregon.....July 11-1
Dean and Chairman: MRS. C. C. NIMS, 3418 N. E. 20th Avenue, Portland 12, Oregon.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST—College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington.....August 9-1
Dean: MRS. THOMAS SWAYZE, 2910 North 28th Street, Tacoma, Washington.
Chairman: MRS. WALTER EICHINGER, 2281 East 61st Street, Seattle 5, Washington.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA—Leadership Training Institute, University of Redlands, Redlands, California.....August 17-2
Dean and Chairman: MRS. ARTHUR L. YOUNG, 1040 Avenue B, Redondo Beach, California.

WYOMING STATE—Torrington, Wyoming.....July 12-1
Chairman: MRS. B. F. RUSSELL, 410 S. Thurmond, Sheridan, Wyoming

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Easter Latitudes

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Frequently at Easter, or in the Lenten season, we desire to give a small gift to a beloved friend whom we wish to help find the real meaning of the living Christ.

The suggestions I am making are all available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or the Distributing Offices.

First of all, were I giving such a gift, I should want to buy and use the *Prayer Calendar* for 1953-54 (40 cents), as well as share it with a dear friend. This calendar gives the location and names of the principal projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the names of commissioned workers, deaconesses, and missionaries serving in Woman's Division projects. Members and staff of the Woman's Division also are listed, as are the birthdays of commissioned workers. All persons listed are considered projects for prayer.

An excellent additional gift would be copies of the *Do You Know* booklets for Home and Foreign Work (25 cents each). Using these booklets with the *Prayer Calendar* makes the work truly come alive through more complete knowledge of each project.

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The *Spiritual Life Cultivation* leaflet gives all of the necessary steps in the deepening of one's spiritual life.

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Prayer for Christians Behind Curtains lifts to the throne of God Christians who are no longer free to worship God as they would, but through prayer we may share a great strength with them.

Give Me Thy Heart (25 cents) is a consecration service in pageant form. This may be used to supplement the study of *The Life and Task of the Church Around the World.* A purposeful gift for one who is interested in pageantry.

On the Road to Mandalay—A Visit to Burma (40 cents) is a beautiful booklet on Southeast Asia. It would be a real help to any friend who has the responsibility of leading a circle program. It also contains a worship service to go with the information in the pamphlet.

Spanish-Speaking Americans in the U. S. A., including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands (50 cents) is a delightful pictorial leaflet which would certainly extend the latitude of any person's Lenten outlook.

The Prophet Jeremiah (75 cents) is so worthy of personal ownership. Jeremiah's declarations to the church of yesterday are completely true and necessary for the church of today. For your Bible student friend and church-school teacher.

May every day of Lent be a real blessing to you as you study, prepare, and discuss all facts of value toward the broader concept of the real meaning of Easter.

Accomplishments

West Virginia's Lewisburg District, Sam Black Church, has forty-four members and forty-four subscribers to THE METHODIST WOMAN, four subscriptions to WORLD OUTLOOK. Mrs. W. K. Miller of Crawley, West Virginia, is the secretary of Literature and Publications. Congratulations!

Operation Combination "O"

Awards will be announced in the June issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

ATTENTION

MAY ISSUE

The Directives for Officers will appear in the May issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. A brief greeting from the Woman's Division secretary to local secretaries will be followed by a calendar which will serve as a monthly activity guide for each officer in the pursuance of her work.

There will also be a calendar of special activities for the year in this issue. Extra copies of the May issue will be available at fifteen cents each from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

JULY-AUGUST ISSUE

Remember, this will be an enlarged edition to include the former Assembly Bulletin.

The 1954-55 Program

By MRS. PAUL ARRINGTON

MORE than one-half of America's population lives in the 168 metropolitan areas where four-fifths of the increase of the population from 1940-1950 took place. It is obvious that this fact would offer a direct challenge to Methodist women, who are alert to national and international problems and trends, to give a block of time in the educational program for a study of the city. The theme chosen for the monthly Program Book of 1954-1955* is "Except the Lord Keep the City." It is taken from Psalms 127:1—"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

When one has read the entire contents, the general purpose of the series is evident: that Methodist women may have a new and compelling awareness of the problems and possibilities which today's facts and trends reveal, particularly as they relate to the family, women, and children in our nation and around the world. Each program has one or more specific purposes, but the local Committee on Program is expected to key each one to its own situation. When the committee meets quarterly to plan carefully in detail for the programs of that quarter, it might be preferable to give thought to specific purposes in the light of new problems or changes which recently might have arisen.

Several of the writers are members of local Societies either here or on the mission field. Some of these also serve in conference, jurisdiction, and Woman's Division relationships. All are recognized in their field and are outstanding Christians.

The content material is up-to-date and timely. It is written in a very simple but interesting style. It presents facts in a stimulating manner. It lends itself readily to adaptation by any local Committee on Program. Moreover, it suggests to the creative mind opportunities for interpreting its challenges right where one happens to live—be it a city or elsewhere. If it is studied thoughtfully with the local situation in mind, the local committee will be inspired with many original and worth-while ideas for presentation and for action.

The September program, "Jesus' Concern for Cities," is not only a splendid introduction to the series but likewise very fittingly forms the foundation for it. It may also very effectively introduce the study THE CITY, which begins in the same month.

Other programs correlating this study are: "The Young girl goes to the City" and "In Street and Shop and Tenement." The one entitled "New Nations Shall Turn to the Lord" may be used effectively with the study on INDIA, PAKISTAN AND CEYLON. "Lasting Peace and Security for All" ably lends itself to the study: THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE. The stewardship program entitled "The Family, Stewards of the Christian Life" and "The United Work of Protestant Women" may be helpful with the Bible study. "New Ventures on Old Roads" is a very unusual program. It would be worth while if the Woman's Society of Christian Service would entertain the young people of the church and put on this program for them. They should see it.

May is pledge month. The program, "Be Ye Doers of the Word," lends itself to various methods of presentation. The content gives information on the broad scope of work Methodist women are doing. "The Prince of Peace" naturally falls in December. It is different from many Christmas programs. It brings in the little child and issues of peace in the light of today's situation, thus giving the Christmas spirit an interpretation in the needs of our age.

October's program is to be a very special one. It is a follow-up of the Assembly to be held May 25-28 in Milwaukee. The theme is "Jesus Christ—the Way." Everyone attending the Assembly should keep this program in mind and take many notes to aid the committee at home. Meanwhile, the local committee should remember to use every available person who attends this great meeting.

These programs can be made convincing enough through the presentation of the spiritual and factual truths they contain to stimulate thinking that will lead to new opinions, thus perhaps eliminating some preconceptions or prejudices. It is the responsibility of the Committee on Program to make them dynamic enough to produce results.

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Circles WORSHIP AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Seed—Methods of Sowing—Evangelism

By VIOLET CRANDALL

Angola Unit of World Federation of Methodist Women

Malange District, Angola

The forty-five Woman's Societies have a total membership of 1,300. At the meetings, held every Thursday morning, reports are given of visits and help to the sick. A voluntary offering is made, those in the rural areas raising money by selling eggs, goats, and garden products. Those in towns work in the homes of others, make gardens, or wash clothes. Besides contributing to their pastors' and teachers' salaries, the women have purchased furniture for their churches and parsonages, and have donated labor in the erection of the buildings. They also go to other villages to tell the Gospel story.

HYMN: "Behold a Sower!" (No. 391, *The Methodist Hymnal*)

SCRIPTURE: Mark 4:1-20

MEDITATION: No doubt many of you have heard of the hospital patient who was won to Christ by a Sunday-school card the doctor had put on the wall. Coimbra Ngola, of Angola, had a similar experience. Someone gave him a Scripture card, and as he had never learned to read, he pasted it on the inside of his trunk cover until another more fortunate could read it to him. It was ". . . the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Coimbra became one of Angola's most influential pastors.

Luis Buta was returning home after being discharged from the Angola army. A missionary traveling to some other colony gave him a Bible, which he began to read on the train, and was convinced that his life was not according to the Creator's intentions. On reaching home Buta told his family that he wanted to move to the mission so as to learn more of Christ's way of life. But the village people said, "If you go away, who will teach us?" So Buta stayed, and his whole neighborhood became Christian.

Mateus Ingles, while on his way to the interior to trade for slaves, was attracted by hymns and family worship in a relative's home. He gave up everything to be a pastor. Although he was never successful in winning converts, he always had a school in his house, and many of his pupils became evangelists. Later, in the Bible school, the students said the name they loved the best was that of Mateus Ingles. A friend of Mateus, Joao Garcia, had great success preaching in a neighboring village, which is Christian until the present.

Kizanga had never heard of Christ. In seeking health for herself and her family, she went to a Christian village. After a few days she returned home and began holding meetings regularly, teaching the hymns and Bible verses she had learned. The first to believe her words were the women, who suffered many beatings from their husbands until these, too, were won.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."—*Isaiah 32:20*

SEASON OF PRAYER: for more faith and zeal in sowing.

HYMN OR SOLO: "What Shall the Harvest Be?"

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

"Variety is the spice of life" and of successful programs. Therefore Venture out and put on a TV telecast, simulating as much of a regular television program as conditions permit. This is a chance to use your creative ability. Choose items and adopt according to time, interest and needs of circle.

Thrilling Visits. Personal interviews usinging articles "Sally Attends a Student Conference" and "A Pink Blanket and a Blue," each found in the April WORLD OUTLOOK; plus "Discovering the World in 1953," page 4, and "The Printed Word in Africa," page 13, this issue.

Two Vital Needs. Interview with Nellie Dyer, page 12 of this issue.

Timely View of our older citizens—See page 28.

Tested Vitamins — Presentation of 1954-1955 Program, page 40, and "Easter Latitudes," page 39.

Talk Vigorously about the Assembly.

Training Values should be mentioned. They are found on pages 34, 36, 37.

Treat Visitors with warmhearted friendliness.

GENERAL QUIZ:

1. Centennial celebration. Where?
2. Recommended Lenten reading. What?
3. An expanding circle. Explain.
4. Give program topics for 1954-1955.
5. Date of your conference Summer School.
6. Excitement at Houma. What happened?
7. Contributions of older people. List.
8. Something to wear. Where and why?
9. Who was at the Tea?
10. A lost quality. What?
11. Vacation Homes. For what group? Where?
12. Assembly Bulletin. Where found?

IT IS MR. CHAND

We are so accustomed to working with women that we mixed our titles and introduced Mr. Sakhi Chand as *Miss* Chand on page 13 of the March issue. You can imagine our embarrassment!

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, MAY 25-28, 1954

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Twin-bed room, with bath—$8.00
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Twin-bed room, with bath—$7.50, $8.00, $8.50, $9.00
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Double-bed room, without bath—$5.00 to $5.50
Twin-bed room, with bath—$10.00
Twin-bed room, without bath—$5.75
Room for three with bath—$12.50
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Marchant

The motion-picture camera catches rural worker, Mrs. Bergeron, and Nurse Jessie Jackson as they leave from Dulac Indian Mission to visit families in a trappers' camp up the bayou

Movie In-the-Making

By ELIZABETH MARCHANT

EXCITEMENT was mounting at MacDonell Methodist Center in Houma, Louisiana, early in December. Word had gone around that "people were coming from New York to take movies!" The film-makers were going to set up headquarters at MacDonell!

Staff members sorted out the photogenic red, yellow, green, and orange dresses in their wardrobes, according to advance directions, because the movie would be in Kodachrome. Some of the twenty-five children living at MacDonell wondered if they might have to stay home from school to be in the movie.

Late one afternoon a big green car drew up in the yard and parked next to the MacDonell "carryall." Mrs. Nettie Thornton, superintendent, went to meet the two men who got out. Solemn, dark-haired Toge Fujihira introduced himself and Ray Pippitt, his tall companion, as the cameramen from Alan Shilin Productions who were going to film the picture.

A few hours later, after Elizabeth Marchant had arrived from New York to represent the Woman's Division, the staff members and film-makers met together to review details and plan photographic operations.

Staff members learned that the photographers were going to film the activities of MacDonell Methodist Center, the Dulac Indian Mission, and the rural program that stretches from MacDonell to the people of the bayou. Because of its remarkable variety, the work centering in Houma had been chosen to represent the home field in the first film produced by the Woman's Division of Christian Service to interpret its world-wide program.

The cameramen said that they intended to take enough footage in Louisiana to run a little less than ten minutes on the screen in edited form. Of course, scenes in Louisiana would be only one part of the total movie. Footage showing our work on the foreign field had been photographed by Cameramen Fujihira and Pippitt on their recent round-the-world trip. On this expedition Producer Alan Shilin had directed a film sequence (series of scenes) featuring medical work in the Philippines and a sequence on our educational work in Japan. An introductory sequence was scheduled for filming in New York in February. The finished 16 mm. movie would run twenty-eight minutes.

Activities at MacDonell and at Dulac ran slightly off schedule during the following week, as all personnel adjusted to the business of film-making. The children were full of expectancy.

Leading lady for the Louisiana footage was Mrs. Bergeron, our slim, French-speaking rural worker, who goes into the bayou country visiting members of the six-point Houma Heights parish, organizing Woman's Societies, teaching literacy, and taking the church to the community.

Louisiana skies were gray during the first half of the week, so the camera team concentrated on shooting the interiors.

Over the weekend the skies cleared, and it was possible to shoot the Saturday night wienie-roast around the outdoor fireplace. Earlier in the day the older boys were pictured doing their farm chores.

Climax of the film-making expedition was a picturesque trip from Dulac to a trapper's camp along Grand Caillot Bayou. The camera followed Mrs. Bergeron and Nurse Jackson as they boarded a 23-foot shrimp-boat to make a typical visit, taking supplies to families who spend the winter months trapping otter, muskrat, and black coon.

By the end of a week, the camera crew reported that it was richer by over 2,000 feet of exposed film, and the wonderful experience of observing the influence of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at work in a region where people of Indian and French background need spiritual, educational, and medical help.

Be sure to see this film when it is released this summer. It will be previewed for the first time at the Assembly in Milwaukee.

Note: The film is still untitled, and rental rates are not yet fixed. It will be available for rental early this summer from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

There will be several showings of visual aids at the Assembly in Milwaukee, May 25-28.

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